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SOMETHING TO CHEER FOR THE GUNNERS AT LAST

Arsenal beat Chelsea 2-1 in the FA Cup final late on Saturday, in front of nearly 90,000 empty seats at Wembley Stadium

AUBAMEYANG HERO, ARTETA KINGMAKER

Gabon international Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang was hero of the night. The striker converted a penalty in the first half to help Arsenal recover from an early setback. He then scored the winner in the 67th minute. A lot of credit goes to Mikel Arteta, who took over as manager eight months ago and transformed a struggling side into perfomers on the big stage.

HOPING FOR GOOD DAYS TO RETURN

- This is a big boost for Arsenal, who are on the road to recovery after being unimpressive for a few years. Arteta became the first person from Arsenal to win FA Cup as captain and manager.
- Arsenal qualified for next season's Europa League by winning the title, despite not finishning in the top 7 in the Premier League.

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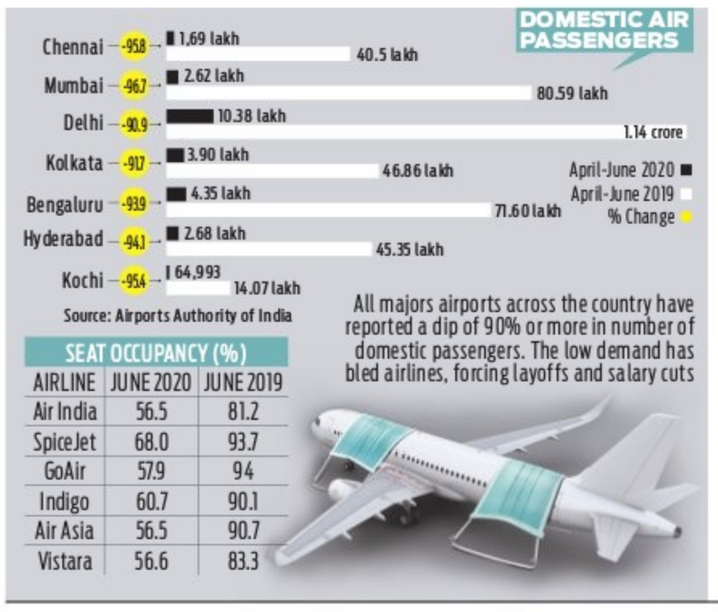
THIS WAS ARSENAL'S 14TH FA CUP WIN, THE MOST FOR ANY TEAM

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ WARANGAL ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI


DOMESTIC AIR PASSENGERS
Chennai -95.8 1.69 lakh 40.5 lakh
Mumbai -96.7 2.62 lakh 80.59 lakh
Delhi -90.9 10.38 lakh 1.14 crore
Kolkata -91.7 3.90 lakh 46.86 lakh
Bengaluru -93.9 4.35 lakh 71.60 lakh
Hyderabad -94.1 2.68 lakh 45.35 lakh
Kochi -95.4 1 64,993 14.07 lakh
April-June 2020
April-June 2019
% Change
Source: Airports Authority of India

All majors airports across the country have reported a dip of 90% or more in number of domestic passengers. The low demand has bled airlines, forcing layoffs and salary cuts

SEAT OCCUPANCY (%)

AIRLINE	JUNE 2020	JUNE 2019
Air India	56.5	81.2
SpiceJet	68.0	93.7
GoAir	57.9	94
Indigo	60.7	90.1
Air Asia	56.5	90.7
Vistara	56.6	83.3

India's airlines gasping for breath

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

THE Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi, the busiest in the country, operated only 9,335 domestic flights in June this year as against 27,985 flights in the same month last year, a drop of nearly 67%.

The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai, the second busiest, operated a mere 2,594 domestic flights this June as against 19,682 in the same month in 2019—a drop of 87%.

These telling numbers are not restricted only to the two biggest airports in the country.

Official data accessed by this newspaper shows that Covid-19 and the subsequent lockdown have played havoc with the aviation sector, resulting in a sharp fall in the number of flights operated and the number of fliers from airports across the country.

Consider the number of domestic flights in June 2019 and 2020 from some of the other prominent airports.

Chennai airport saw a drop of more than 80%, Bengaluru 74%, Hyderabad 71% and Kolkata 61% in flight operations.

The numbers are more grim if April-June 2019 and the same period this year are compared. Most airports show a drop of more than 80% **(see graphic).**

The same steep decline in June 2019 and 2020 is seen in the number of domestic passengers handled at all the airports in the country.

In June 2019, the Delhi airport handled more than 40 lakh domestic fliers, but in the same month this year, it came down to 8.82 lakh, a fall of 78%.

The story is the same across all airports. Among the major airports that saw a drop of more than 90% are Mumbai, Goa and Mangalore.

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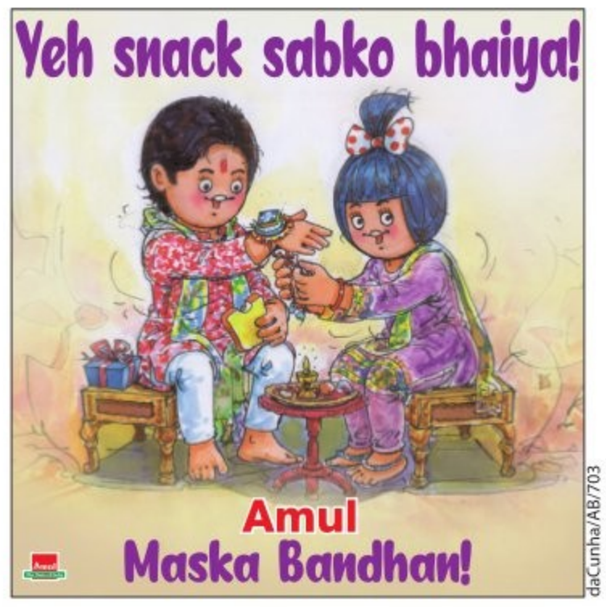

GOLD SMUGGLING

NIA arrests 6 more persons including a PFI member

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Thiruvananthapuram

IN a new twist to Kerala's gold smuggling case, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested six more persons, including a Popular Front of India (PFI) member who was chargesheeted in the sensational palm-chopping case.

Of the six, four were already arrested by the Customs. Muhammad Ali Ebrahim and Muhammad Ali are the other two. They were picked up by the NIA officers from Tiruchirappalli in Tamil Nadu on Saturday. With this, NIA has so far arrested 10 persons in the gold smuggling case.

Muhammed Ali was chargesheeted in the case of palm chopping of a college professor in Thodupuzha in 2011, but was later acquitted.

Ali is still a PFI member, sources said. His arrest brings the PFI angle into the case. The arrest of Ali, who was an accused in a sensational case involving radical outfits, could provide a leeway to the probe agencies which suspect that the proceedings from gold smuggling were used for terror funding, sources said.

The NIA said Muhammad Ali Ebrahim and Muhammad Ali had assisted A M Jalal, another accused who was earlier arrested by the Customs, in collecting the smuggled gold from key conspirator K T Rameez. The two also assisted Jalal in distributing the booty among other conspirators, a statement from the NIA said.

Meanwhile, the NIA has recorded the arrest of Jalal, Said Alavi E, Mohammed Shafi and Abdu P T, who were in judicial custody after the Customs arrested them in the gold case.

India tells China to deliver complete disengagement

Chinese troops yet to retreat from Finger 4 and PP17A, say sources

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

REJECTING China's claim that disengagement on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) was more or less over, India on Sunday demanded complete disengagement of troops from Finger 4 and Patrolling Point 17A and other stand-off points.

According to sources, India hardened its stance during the fifth round of talks between Corps Commanders of the two countries held in Moldo on the Chinese side of the LAC on Sunday, in a bid to thwart China's salami-slicing tactics.

"Talks are being held and complete disengagement of troops from the remaining standoff points will be the main agenda," sources told *TNIE* on Sunday evening, when the talks were still on.

Finger 4 on the northern flank of Pangong Lake and Patrolling Point 17A (Gogra) are the places where China has not fulfilled the commitments of disengagement as decided in previous meetings.

Disengagement at PP14 (Galwan Valley) and PP15 was completed and verification done in the beginning of July.

Sources said Chinese troops left the heights at Finger 4 but remained deployed on the ridges in the vicinity. Also, the disengagement is pending at PP17A.

"Our stance is status quo ante before Chinese troops moved forward in the first week of May" source added.

Indian XIV Corps Commander Lt Gen Harinder Singh and Maj Gen Lin Liu, Commander of the South Xinjian Military District have been representing their respective sides. Earlier meetings were held on June 6, June 22, June 30 and July 14.

The Chinese troops had clashed with the Indian troops on the intervening night of May 5 and 6 and subsequently moved their troops forward.

Later, the artillery and armoured assets were moved. Thereafer, both sides deployed fighters in forward areas.

India has done precautionary deployment all along the 3,488-km LAC, de facto border between India and China.

China had on July 25 said disengagement was complete in Galwan, Hot Springs and Gogra but was silent on Pangong Tso. In response, India said there has been some progress but disengagement is not yet over.

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— A source

Amit Shah tests positive for Covid-19, hospitalised

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah tested positive for Covid-19 and was admitted to a hospital in Gurugram on Sunday.

"On getting the initial symptoms of corona, I got the test done and the report came back positive. My health is fine, but I am being admitted to the hospital on the advice of doctors," Shah tweeted.

The minister requested all those who came in contact with him in the last few days to self-isolate.

The 55-year-old was admitted to the Medanta Hospital in Gurugram. He has co-morbidities, and thus, is more vulnerable to the disease, sources said.

A team of AIIMS doctors, led by the institution's director Dr Randeep Guleria, is expected to visit Medanta Hospital to oversee Shah's treatment, sources said.

The Home Minister was expected to join Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several prominent personalities for the 'Bhoomi Pujan' ceremony at the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

Shah reportedly attended the Cabinet meeting at the PM's official residence on July 29, during which the new National Education Policy was unveiled. All Covid-19 protocols, including social distancing and wearing of masks were adhered to. Sources, however, said it's not clear if Shah met Modi and others in person or through video conferencing.

BSY TOO CATCHES THE VIRUS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister **B S Yediyurappa** announced on Sunday night that he has tested positive for Covid-19. In a tweet, the 78-year-old BJP veteran said he was healthy, but has been advised hospitalisation. Incidentally, the announcement came hours after Union Home Minister Amit Shah tweeted about testing positive for coronavirus. Yediyurappa will undergo treatment at Manipal Hospital on Old Airport Road.

"I have tested positive for coronavirus. Whilst I am fine, I am being hospitalised as a precaution on the recommendation of doctors. I request those who have come in contact with me recently to be observant and exercise self quarantine (sic)", Yediyurappa tweeted on Sunday evening.

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LOOK WHO'S UNMASKED!

Clockwise from top: State Congress chief D K Shivakumar was spotted without a mask when he called on former MLA Vijaykumar Shetty in Mangaluru on Saturday. Mysuru MLA A Ramdas had his mask strung under his chin while addressing a press conference on Sunday. They were not the only ones. A bunch of youngsters chose to throw caution to the winds as they posed for photographs in front of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Sunday. Newly nominated MLCs CP Yogeshwar and H Vishwanath too were seen without face masks when they took oath on Thursday last | **EXPRESS**

STATE'S RECOVERY RATE UP, BUT ACTIVE CASES A WORRY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA on Sunday recorded its highest-ever Covid-19 discharges for a single day at 4,077, improving its recovery rate to 42.81% from 41.49 per cent overnight. Across the state, a total of 57,725 patients have been discharged so far.

Another bright spot is the mortality rate, which has consistently been dipping over the past few days, albeit gradually. The state's mortality rate now stands at 1.85%, which is below the national mortality rate of 2.11%.

However, the state's main worry lies in the spiralling number of cases that are currently under treatment — also known as active cases — which has shot up to 74,950 from 73,219 on Saturday, with the day's addition of 1,371 to the tally.

Lately, Karnataka has started improving its score on the recovery front. After adding over 3,000 discharges per day for three days between July 30 and August 1, which was much lower in the days prior to that, the state saw a refreshing 4,000-plus patients discharged on Sunday.

The state's recovery rate had faltered since the beginning of July, when it was 41.94% and fell to the month's lowest at 35.29% on July 20. But after that, there has been consistent improvement till Sunday (42.81%).

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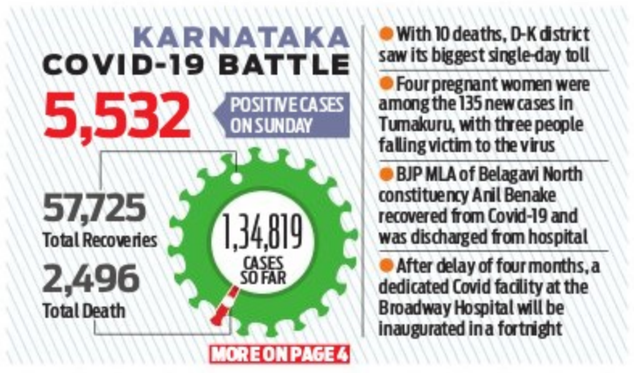

- With 10 deaths, D-K district saw its biggest single-day toll
- Four pregnant women were among the 135 new cases in Tumakuru, with three people falling victim to the virus
- BJP MLA of Belagavi North constituency Anil Benake recovered from Covid-19 and was discharged from hospital
- After delay of four months, a dedicated Covid facility at the Broadway Hospital will be inaugurated in a fortnight

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EXPRESS READ

RBI's monetary policy panel to meet next week

Mumbai: The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee will meet next week to decide on the policy stance amid the urgency to revive the Covid-hit economy and demand for one-time loan restructuring.

MHA seeks more time to frame CAA rules

New Delhi: The Home Ministry has sought an additional three months' time for framing rules of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), officials said on Sunday.

Relaxations for travellers

New Delhi: Health ministry on Sunday issued new guidelines for international travellers. Those arriving may now be exempted from mandatory quarantine if they submit a negative RT-PCR report on arrival.

61 VILLAGES In UP flooded after Nepal releases water

This has affected over 1.50 lakh people and damaged 171 houses, in Bahraich district. One motorboat, 179 boats, one platoon of flood PAC and NDRF have also been pressed into service, an official said on Sunday.

Jarkiholi's Delhi visit sets off buzz ahead of cabinet rejig

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

AMID the buzz of an impending cabinet rejig in mid-August, Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi landed in New Delhi on Sunday. Jarkiholi's visit comes close on the heels of Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi's trip to the national capital to meet the BJP central leadership.

During this two-day stay in New Delhi, sources close to Jarkiholi suggest that the minister hopes to present his case to replace Laxman Savadi as Deputy Chief Minister and lobby for H Vishwanath, M T B Nagaraj and R Shankar to be inducted into the cabinet. Jarkiholi is making a representation for his compatriots before Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa officially seeks an appointment with the BJP top brass to discuss the cabinet expansion and rejig.

The first move by Ramesh Jarkiholi to lobby for a Deputy CM post was when he met Union Minister Pralhad Joshi earlier in July.

While his tour plan suggests a series of meetings with Union Ministers Pralhad Joshi, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Suresh Angadi and officials of Forest, Railways and Water Resources departments, Jarkiholi is set to meet BJP national president J P Nadda too.

Jarkiholi's hopes of meeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah, however, now seem impossible.

"He is scheduled to meet JP Nadda on Tuesday. He was called to New Delhi by the party's central leadership for a bigger role," said a source close to the minister.

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ALMANAC TODAY

• **Monday** 03/08/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana:** Dakshinayana • **Ritu:** Varsha • **Masa:** Sravana • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Purnima 8.23 pm • **Nakshatra:** Uttharashada 7.22 am • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am • **Gulikakala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER WATCH

MIN 21°C | MAX 26°C

FORECAST
Light showers. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise	6.05 am
Sunset	6.45 pm
Moonrise	6.45 pm
Moonset	5.34 am

EXPRESS IMPACT

State's RTI website up after over a month

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

FOUR days after *The New Indian Express* published a report on Karnataka's Right To Information website (RTIonline.karnataka.gov.in) being not functioning for over a month, the portal is now back online and is fully functional.

TNIE had reported on June 27 that the website was functioning in mid-June, but the payment gateway was not, rendering it useless at a time when citizens are seeking information about the government's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The RTI website is used to file applications, check the status of RTI queries, and file first appeals. RTI activists and users had said that the website not functioning amounts to lack of transparency and accountability and would give room for unchecked corruption.

The website, managed by the e-governance department, was facing technical issues. The Karnataka Information Commission had highlighted the problem with the department, but it was not fixed till this newspaper highlighted the issue.

TWO TEMPLES MAKE WAY FOR METRO WORKS

₹9 crore was paid as compensation to them, apart from land parcels on nearby roads

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THERE is some cheering news for vehicle-users who pass by the Tin Factory Junction as road-widening works are being taken up in the area by the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL).

The road along the upcoming Jyotipura and KR Puram Metro stations of the Baiyappanahalli-Whitefield Line is being widened.

Two upcoming Metro lines will crisscross at the nearby KR Puram junction.

The ball has been set rolling for the acquisition of 74 properties, including two temples. "Widening of this stretch is crucial. Putting in place more lanes will help motorists enormously as daily traffic jams at Tin Factory are notorious. Also, two Metro stations will be located at KR Puram, one that caters to the Whitefield Line (Reach 1) and the other for the KR Puram-Kempegowda International Airport Line (Phase-2B Line)," said a highly-placed Metro official.

The Om Shakti temple has already been rebuilt in the vicinity | EXPRESS

Two prominent local temples figure among the identified properties. While 24 properties have already been acquired and handed over to the engineering cell, 50 such properties are under dispute and the hearing is scheduled on August 3, the official said.

To widen the road, 11,200 square metre of land is required. Unlike the problems encountered from local residents and trustees in previous instances involving temples, the trustees of the two temples were extremely cooperative, the official said. "Over Rs 9 crore has been paid as compensation for the two temples, apart from alternative land parcels on nearby roads, which are of the same dimensions that were acquired from them," he added.

A total of 1,057 sq m of land which houses the Muthumariyamma temple has been acquired. "We paid a compensation of Rs 6.85 cr for rebuilding it and there was no problem at all. In the case of the Om Shakthi temple, we needed 259.36 sq m of land and we have paid a compensation of Rs 2.25 crore to the trustees and the temple has already been relocated," the official said.

SUNDAY FUN-DAY AGAIN

1 A man heads to board a bus at the Kempegowda bus station

2 The Shivajinagar market returns to its bustling self

3 Passengers being screened at the KSRTC bus stand

4 Commercial Street sees some life despite the ongoing civic works

5 Motorists wait at a signal at the junction near Town Hall

PICS: SHRIRAM BN, MEGHANA SASTRY, NAGARAJA GADEKAL

GREEN FUTURE

As monsoon lashes Bengaluru, colleges, universities race to catch the rain

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

IN the true spirit of education, universities and colleges in Bengaluru are doing their bit to help recharge groundwater in a city where aquifers are fast depleting, and are involving students in the effort.

This is even before the University Grants Commission suggested in a circular dated June 24 that educational institutions should involve students in setting up rainwater harvesting mechanisms.

Some universities, however, are facing setbacks because of inadequate land or labour – either student volunteers or workers, who are unable to go to campuses due to the pandemic.

Bangalore University has tied up with the Rotary Club to utilise its 1,000-acre -campus to set up check dams and install rainwater harvesting systems on its buildings.

Vice-Chancellor K R Venugopal however, says the pandemic has thrown a spanner in the university's plans of felling 5,000 eucalyptus plants, which, according to some studies, consume a lot of groundwater. The plan was to replace them with five lakh saplings of other tree varieties. "It is a critical time, but workers are hard to find with several migrants leaving the city. One cannot force labourers to work," he told TNIE.

The 17.5-acre campus of Maharani Cluster University provides an adequate catchment area, but the problem is lack of government assistance to undertake RWH projects, according to an official.

The University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) continues to pursue its ambitious RWH initiative on a catchment area of 1,380 acres -- by setting up percolation pits, storage tanks, and ponds to store water.

"While colleges often cite limited land as an obstacle, it should not prevent them from introducing RWH systems," Dr K Devaraj, senior scientist of soil and water conservation engineering, at the UAS, said.

Rainwater harvesting is a community initiative through which colleges or individuals can build percolation pits to recharge neighbourhood wells or groundwater, he said. "Just build percolation pits," he suggested. Pits should be 12 feet deep to be effective, but many people dig a pit of just 5 feet just to comply with BBMP rules.

"If each borewell is recharged, considering the 970 mm rains that the city receives, it can cater to the daily needs of a four-member household for the next six months," he added.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

3rd August: As you know, I'm excited by the prospect of water on the Moon, because that will make it easier for us to have holidays there! The latest news is that we have found water locked inside Moon rocks. Now, if we can unlock these resources, we could really have a promising situation. I am looking forward to gazing up and seeing people on the Moon!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
An upbeat Moon, full of commonsense, is just what you need to get off to a good start. Given that there are few planetary pressures this week, you can do yourself a favour and drop any aspects of your life which have outlived their usefulness. Go on - you know you can do it!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Your first reaction to a new proposition will probably be to accept it without question, especially if it relates to home or family matters. Only later will doubts begin to creep in. Knowing this, you may wish to take more time in the first place!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Today's dominant planetary alignment is nicely helpful, and will enable you to bring out your legendary qualities - such as your ability to talk at great length about almost anything! But will anyone else understand you? Well, perhaps it really doesn't matter!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The first thing to be considered now is your role in an emotional relationship or joint undertaking. The heart of the matter could be financial, including the question of who pays for what. That might be an issue you can't solve now - so put it off till tomorrow!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
A relative or colleague may now believe that you can be brow-beaten or otherwise forced to accept second-best. If only they knew that the Moon was on your side, they'd see how wrong they are! The stars' first advice is to stand your ground, and only to compromise when you know the result is going to be fair.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It's because you put on a brave face and conceal your true feelings that others often misunderstand your real intentions. Now, before you can talk about your emotions you need properly to understand your motives. If you then say what you mean, other people might actually sit up and pay attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Loved ones may be argumentative, but there doesn't seem to be anything wrong which can't be smoothed over with a little kindness and compassion. Friends can be called in to help if extra assistance is required. See to it that you contact the right people at the appropriate time, though.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You may be wondering how long it will be before underlying tensions can finally be satisfactorily resolved. The answer is not for some time yet, so continue to take whatever evasive action you feel is necessary. Your next step might actually be to look at the financial implications.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Mercury, ruler of deep thought and wisdom, is now approaching a supportive relationship with Jupiter, planet of inspiration. The psychological impact finds your intellectual processes becoming sharper, to the point where your judgment will be beyond criticism.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
No one can prevent you continuing a feud for as long as Mars arouses your irritation - or even anger. But you can decide for yourself whether it is really worthwhile letting the distant past colour your present actions - or allowing chance events to disturb your emotional equilibrium.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Workwise you have been through a period of change, and it's now time to make the necessary personal adjustments. If you have in any way neglected your social life or ignored old friends, now is the moment to correct the balance. Get in touch!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
All ambitious and professional individuals are now hitting a new phase, one full of fresh ideas. Even if your life is determinedly leisured you will soon be struck by the realisation that you have neglected your talents. It might even be a good time to think about learning a new skill.

THE PHANTOM

A FORBIDDEN LUONGO FOREST
WE'LL GET CLEAR OF THIS JUNGLE COVER AND BE BACK ON THE SAVANNA IN A FEW HOURS, DEVI....
AS LONG AS I DON'T SEE ANYTHING ELSE THAT....
NO....
Falk

HI AND LOIS

WHAT'S THIS?
I WROTE MY "WHAT I DID LAST SUMMER" ESSAY IN ADVANCE.
BUT SCHOOL ISN'T EVEN OVER YET.
I DIDN'T WANT TO WASTE ANY VACATION TIME DOING IT.

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

MAY I SPEAK TO A MR. DAGWOOD BUMSTEAD, PLEASE?
MAY I ASK WHO'S CALLING?
YOU MAY OR MAY NOT
HOW WOULD I KNOW?
YOU MAY OR MAY NOT WANT TO TALK TO THE WISE-GUY ON THE PHONE

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

				6	7	3		
							9	
2	1		8			7		4
				5			2	
		1	9		6	8		
	5			8				
3		9			1		4	7
	6							
		2	6	9				

EVIL

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

1	2	3	5	6	9	4	8	7
6	5	7	4	2	8	3	9	1
8	4	9	7	1	3	6	5	2
3	1	2	6	9	5	7	4	8
4	9	6	3	8	7	2	1	5
5	7	8	1	4	2	9	3	6
9	6	4	8	7	1	5	2	3
7	3	1	2	5	4	8	6	9
2	8	5	9	3	6	1	7	4

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NLDEB

VHOSE

NINETV

UURXYL

Hi, I'm George Foreman, and I have a new way to cook that will knock you out.
He's the perfect spokesman.
People love him!
WHEN BOXER GEORGE FOREMAN STARTED PROMOTING HIS GRILL, HE BECAME A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____ - _____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: METAL TITLE ODDITY GLOSSY
Answer: Rolex debuted in 1908 and would become known for its high-quality watches — ALL IN GOOD TIME

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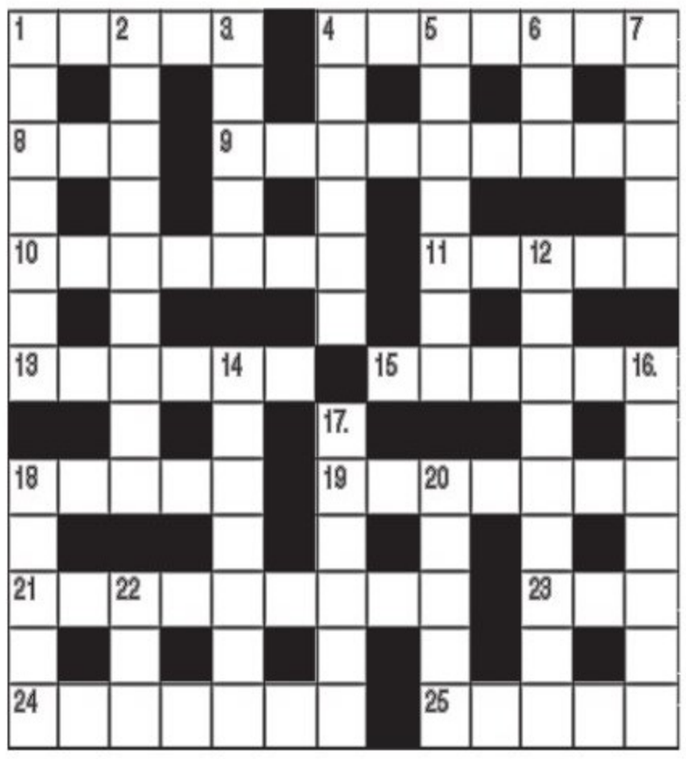
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Ship loaded with timber takes in water (5)
4 Unexpectedly lets rip peals of bells (7)
8 Objective I am out to get (3)
9 Sort of bread that makes a dinner complete? (9)
10 Setback and bad turn amount to a trying job (4,3)
11 Make a speech or organise tea (5)
13 Show around Venice (6)
15 Musical studies (6)
18 He admits he doesn't have to pay the rent (5)
19 Room for children to play (7)
21 Famous old fighter gets the wind up (9)
23 Spring in South Pennsylvania (3)
24 Athletes naturally full of beans (7)
25 Spot and point to how birds eat corn (5)

DOWN

1 Surprise opening by the French (7)
2 Right to enter guilty plea (9)
3 Planterdoing a job that could be worse (5)
4 Troublesome roses are (6)
5 Runners carry it under sail (7)
6 Be prone to a distortion of the facts (3)
7 Find answer to love's torment (5)
12 Letter opener? (9)
14 Red vehicle goes to one of the pits (7)
16 A heavenly bit of fun (7)
17 Records there's something missing from the yearbooks (6)
18 The alternative holds the alternative (5)
20 Cuts down the sail area - and knots (5)
22 Was dashing (3)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Upside-down, 8 Slips, 9 Culture, 10 Outings, 11 Oread, 12 Abrupt, 14 Jetsam, 17 Delta, 19 Refrain, 21 Curates, 22 Empty, 23 Second hand.

Down: 1 Painter, 3 Ibsen, 4 Excuse, 5 Only one, 6 No use, 7 Ready money, 8 Snow and ice, 13 Plastic, 15 Sharpen, 16 Prison, 18 Lyres, 20 Fresh.

Broadway Hospital in Shivajinagar is ready to be converted into a Covid facility. It has necessary infrastructure now, and will open in 12-15 days, announced Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar

Water, soil from K'taka sent for Ram temple

These will be used to sanctify the temple site; Suresh Angadi gives credits Advani's 'Rath Yatra' for historic movement

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EVEN as Ayodhya is getting decked up for the historic groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of Ram temple on August 5, Karnataka is making its own contribution to the grand event.

Water from various rivers and soil from several religious places in Karnataka will make their way to Ayodhya as a contribution and sacred gifts for the construction of the Ram temple. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to lay the foundation stone.

The Karnataka unit of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Sunday said the sacred soil and water will be used to sanctify the temple site. "Suttur mutt seer Shivaratri Deshikendra sent water from Cauvery and Kapila. Dharmasthala Manjunatha Dharmadhikari Veerendra Heggade sent water from Netravati river while Sringeri Shankaracharya Sri Bharati Tirtha collected water from Tunga, Bhadravati and Sharavati," VHP Prachar Pramukh Basavaraj told agencies.

Other seers are said to have sent water from rivers such as Krishna, Bheema, Malaprabha and Ghataprabha, And soil has been sent from temples of Chamundeshwari in Mysuru, Sri Krishna in Udupi, Manjunatheshwara in Dharmasthala, Rambhapuri in Balehonnur in Chikkamagaluru district, Siddaganga mutt in Tumakuru and Datta Peetha.

Meanwhile, in Mysuru, senior BJP leader S A Ramadas is preparing to host a massive special pooja to commemorate the groundbreaking ceremony. He said over 10,000 houses, 312 temples, 25 Ram mandirs in KR constituency will conduct poojas.

He told reporters on Sunday that besides the special pooja, arrangements are made to worship Lord Ram at 14 circles in KR constituency. He said Karyasevaks from the region who took part in the Ramjanma Bhoomi movement would be felicitated on December 6 and discussions are on to send over 500 Karyasevaks from Mysuru to Ayodhya on a special train.

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> — Suresh Angadi, Minister of State for Railways

Even as an invitation for the event has not gone out to BJP veteran Lal Krishna Advani, Minister of State for Railways Suresh Angadi credited him for the Ram Mandir movement. "Ram Mandir is a result of 400 years of dream and non-stop movement. Several people have lent their shoulders for this movement. Some have sacrificed their lives. Let's all join hands to build Ram Rajya which is the dream of Mahatma Gandhi," said Angadi.

Speaking to reporters in Belagavi, Angadi said, "The Ratha Yatra conducted under the leadership of Advani played a vital role to bring the dream of constructing the Ram Mandir into reality. The verdict given by the judiciary in the Ayodhya issue made way for the temple. The 400-year long fight has finally yielded results."

The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra Trust, formed by the Centre following the Supreme Court's ruling in November last in favour of building the temple at the site, has fixed Bhoomi Poojan on August 5.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Shah in hospital, cabinet expansion delayed?

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday tweeted that he had tested positive for Covid-19 and has been hospitalised. Leaders of Karnataka BJP, while are worried about his health and wish him a speedy recovery, are also worried about one other thing --- possible delay in the cabinet expansion. An official from the Chief Minister's office said that the plan was to wait till August 5 -- Ayodhya foundation stone laying event -- before pitching for the cabinet expansion. Despite Shah not being the BJP national president anymore, it is no secret that he is the final authority on matters of cabinet expansion and rejig.

DKS-Siddu camaraderie stumps BJP

Have they buried the hatchet? Or have they not? This seems to be the million-dollar question when it comes to former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D K Shivakumar. In the last four weeks, the two leaders have come together on various occasions -- right from Shivakumar's charge- taking ceremony to the duo launching a joint attack on the government over Covid-19 expenses and have shown remarkable camaraderie, even if it is only optics. Now this display of unity, it seems, has stunned many in the Congress, but more so in the BJP. While Congress leaders express confidence that unity is the need of the hour and both leaders are willing to put aside their differences, one party in particular doesn't like the possibility one bit.

Political experts all

There is so much buzz around cabinet expansion that almost everyone in the political circles is talking about it. Now there are so many experts with so many pet theories about who will be dropped and who will be included. One expert explained that by this Independence Day, the new cabinet will take shape. Some went on to predict that they will also participate in flag hoisting in their newly-assigned districts and departments. So many self-proclaimed experts had their own lists and information why it would be so. Now while some leaders whose names figure in the list are happy, their supporters are also thrilled with all the buzz. When asked pointedly what if it doesn't happen now, they shot back saying it will, acting as if everything depended on their views.

JDS meeting on Tuesday to discuss changes in farm laws

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THE JDS has called for a meeting on Tuesday. All legislators, MPs and district leaders will attend while maintaining social distancing.

The meeting is expected to discuss the amendment to the APMC Act and more importantly the Land Reforms Act. The JDS, which is considered a party of farmers and has strong rural presence, has strongly opposed these amendments.

The Karnataka government in July made changes to the Land Reforms Act 1961, allowing non-agriculturists to buy and own farmland for farming.

JDS deputy leader of the assembly Bandeppa Kashempur said they will discuss these issues because it concerns the future of the State. Later, they will seek an audience with the Governor to put forward their points of view.

The JDS has pointed out that agricultural land should remain with agriculturists and this amendment will impact the agricultural community adversely and reduce the small farmer and agricultural landholder to landless labourers.

Sources said the JDS has been planning a series of meetings before the gram panchayat elections. The party has traditionally done well in the panchayat elections, which are fought without party symbols. But it is no secret that most gram panchayat members are mostly affiliated to one party or the other. The party which does well in the grassroots and in the local body elections has a huge advantage when it comes to the assembly polls.

CIBIL lapse: Bank to pay ₹45K to customer

YATHIRAJU @Bengaluru

Syndicate Bank will have to pay damages caused to a customer whose housing loan was rejected by a financial firm on grounds of a poor credit score.

"The bank has failed in discharging its duty of intimating the CIBIL. It has to be saddled with liability. We deem it fit to award a sum of Rs 40,000 as compensation," said the 3rd Additional Bangalore Urban District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum. The complainant is PN Raghavendra Rao, a resident of Udayanagar.

The forum, comprising president DR Venkatasudarshan and members MB Seena and L Mamatha, said the bank's conduct is a reflection of poor treatment of customers. "We award Rs 5,000 for litigation costs," it said.

The Palace Guttahalli branch of Syndicate Bank granted a loan of Rs 1.50 lakh to Rao in September 2014 and he repaid the amount in November 2015. He approached DHFL in 2016 for a Rs 12 lakh loan, but it was rejected as his CIBIL report indicated he had dues of Rs 1,41,357. He then approached the bank in September 2016, and it said the loan account had been closed on November 27, 2015, and the CIBIL entry rectified.

The forum said, "The eagerness banks show in loan recovery is not shown in safeguarding customers' interests."

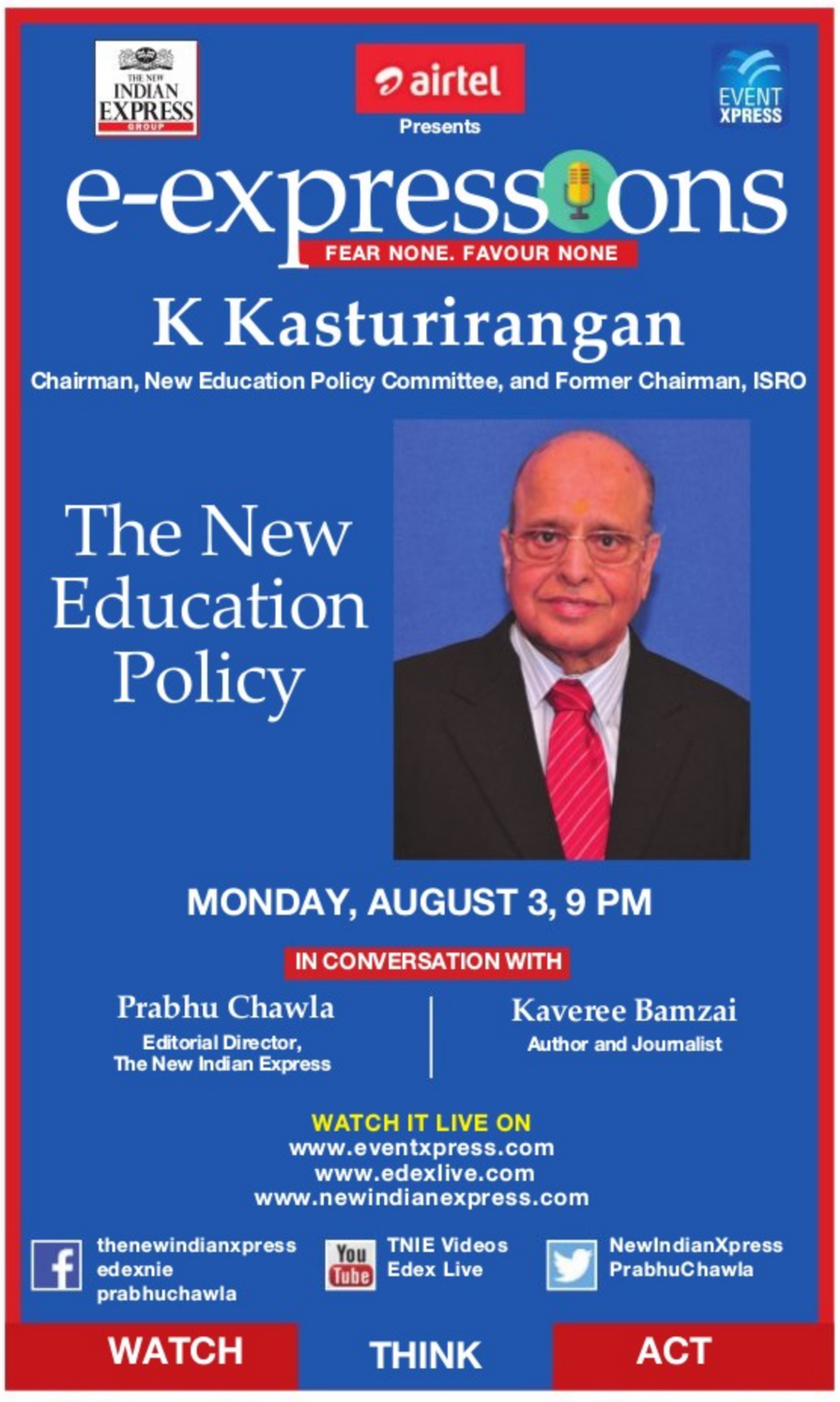
₹85L worth gold 'missing' from bank locker

Bengaluru: A businessman has lodged a complaint with Jayanagar police against a bank, claiming that his gold jewels worth Rs 85 lakh have been stolen from his locker. The bank, however, says it could be a false complaint. Shivaprasad R (52), a resident of JP Nagar, wrote in his complaint that on February 27, he had taken some gold out from his locker, but couldn't put it back due to the lockdown. "When I went to the bank on July 22, the jewels weren't there. I suspect bank staff," he said. As per his complaint, 1.735 kg of gold has been stolen. Police, who have taken up a case of criminal breach of trust, questioned bank staff. A senior bank officer said an internal inquiry was done and it was found that no theft had happened. ENS

CRIME PATROL

Body exhumed over Covid suspicions

Bengaluru: A 41-year-old man's body was exhumed on Sunday after the police suspected foul play in his death. The body has been sent for autopsy. The incident took place at Narasipura village near Nelamangala Rural. The deceased, Sadananda, was a resident of KG Bajuru, who was active in politics and ran a water supply business. His wife Anjanamma is a gram panchayat member in Narasipura. A senior police officer said that Sadananda was found hanging in his house a week ago, and his family had buried him without informing the police. The villagers, who came to know of this, alerted the police, saying he died of Covid-19. They claimed the family had buried the body in a pit without conducting a Covid test. The police recorded Anjanamma's statement, and on Sunday, visited the burial spot. The body was exhumed in front of the tahshildar. Dobbespet police are waiting for the autopsy report to conduct further investigations. ENS



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Notice for kind attention of the Members of the Institute for up-dation of E-Mail addresses for 93rd AGM of the Institute to be held on September 5, 2020 at 11:00 AM IST

Members may note, that in view of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions thereon, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has vide Circular dated 8th April, 2020, 13th April, 2020 and 5th May, 2020 ("MCA Circulars"), permitted Companies to convene the AGM through VC/OAVM mode and issue the Notice for Annual General Meeting along with the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2019-20 by email to all members and other persons entitled, and whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Companies.

The 93rd AGM will be held on **September 5, 2020 at 11:00 AM IST** under the Companies Act, 2013 and MCA Circulars in **VC/OAVM mode only**. Members can attend and participate in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility ONLY, the details of which form a part of the AGM Notice and no provision has been made to attend and participate in the 93rd AGM of the Institute in person to ensure compliance with the MCA Circulars. Members attending the meeting through VC/OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013. The Institute shall be providing the facility for e-voting (remote and at AGM) for the voting members.

Please note, the 93rd AGM Notice and Annual Report will be sent to all members by electronic mode only. The same will also be available for the information and reference of members at the website of the Institute (**www.iibf.org.in**) and NSDL website (**www.evoting.nsdl.com**) for all members of the Institute.

Associate/Fellow/Institutional Members having voting rights are requested to provide their e-mail ID and mobile phone numbers (if already registered not required) as per the format given below for registration with the Institute at the following e-mail ID: **sandeep@iibf.org.in** to receive the Annual Report and e-voting and login details on or before Saturday, August 29, 2020 (5:00 PM IST).

No	Particulars	No	Particulars
1.	Membership Type	4.	E-Mail ID
2.	Membership Number/ Institution Code No	5.	Mobile Phone Number
3.	Full Name	6.	Self-attested copy of PAN Card

Ordinary Members of the Institute, entitled to receive Annual Reports are requested to login to the website of the Institute at **www.iibf.org.in** using their existing login credentials and update their E-Mail ID and Mobile No. in the profile section, if there is any change.

For further information on the above matter, Members may write to **Mr. Thomas George**, Jt. Dir., Member Support Services, IIBF at mem-services@iibf.org.in or contact at 9321537397

We urge all members to update their information at the earliest preferably by 20th Aug. 2020 to receive the AGM Notice, Annual Report and e-voting credentials (as applicable).

For Indian Institute of Banking & Finance

Dr J N Misra
Chief Executive Officer
DIN: 06807266

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the PNB Housing Finance Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & in compliance of Rule 8(1) of Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice/s on the date mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower/s to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/ date of receipt of the said notice/s.

The borrower/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned against each account.

The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of PNB Housing Finance Ltd., for the amount and interest thereon as per loan agreement. **The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

S. No.	Loan Account No.	Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower /Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	Amount Outstanding	Date of Possession Taken	Description of the Property Mortgaged
1.	HOU/MLS/ 1016/327841	Mr. Deepak Pathak & Ms. Bhagyashree Pathak	22/12/2018	Rs. 47,60,736.25 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Six and twenty Five Paisa only) Due as on 31.07.2020	29-07-2020 (Symbolic)	**SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY -** All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing Sy. No. 42, measuring 1 Acre 04 Guntas and land in Sy. No. 44, measuring 3 acres 36 guntas, totally measuring together 5 acres situated at Gubbalalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and **Bounded as follows : East by :** Remaining portion of land in Sy. No. 44, **West by:** Survey No. 43, **North by:-** Road & abutting the remaining portion of land in Sy. No. 44 and 48; South by: Remaining portion of land in Sy. No. 42. **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY (APARTMENT) –** Residential Apartment described below in the Apartment complex known as **"GOLDEN PANORAMA"** together with common area, common facilities, common open space, common stair case, common water and sanitation, separate electricity, easement rights and appurtenances thereto. Apartment bearing Unit No-2031, 3rd Floor, Tower 2 with super built up area 1210.00 Sq ft and undivided share of land in Schedule A Property is 511 Sq ft with one **covered car parking and bounded by : East by:-** Tower 2 Unit No. 2032, **West by:-** Open Space, **North by:-** Open Space, **South by:-** Lift Lobby
2.	HOU/BLRK/ 0918/576896	Mr. K.K. Darshan & Mr. K.K. Dillan	07/01/2020	Rs. 33,46,851.07 (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred fifty one and seven Paisa Only) Due as on 31.07.2020	29-07-2020 (Symbolic)	**SCHEDULE I- Item-1:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Converted Sy. No. 3/1 (Converted vide order No . ALN (ASH) SR 185/2014-15, dated. 12/03/2015) Situated at NARAYANAGATTA Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, measuring 0-21 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and **Bounded by-East by:-** Property in Sy No. 3/2, **West by:-** Boundary of the Village Singenagrahara, **North by:-** Channal and CD Road, **South by:-** Property of Item-2 herein; **Item-2:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Converted Sy. No. 3/4 (Converted vide order No. ALN (ASH) SR 185/2014-15, dated. 12/03/2015) Situated at NARAYANAGATTA Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, measuring 0-26 Guntas, including 2 Guntas Karabh, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and **Bounded by: East by:-** Property in Sy No.3/3, **West by:-** Boundary of the village Singenagrahara, **North by:-** Property of item-1 herein and Sy No.3/1, **South by:-** Village Road. **SCHEDULE II-** 574 Sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in schedule I above. **SCHEDULE III-** Flat bearing No.G04, in the Ground Floor, measuring 1310 sq.ft Super Built –up Area, containing Three Bedrooms, together with one Car Parking Space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, Staircase, Terrace, Contained in the multistoried building to be constructed on the Schedule I Property known as **"SRI TIRUMALA'S TRANQUIL RESIDENCY"**
3.	HOU/MRH/ 1217/463483	Mr. Rajesh Robin & Ms. R Reeta	18/01/2020	Rs. 48,65,060.89 (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Sixty And Eighty Nine Paisa Only) Due as on 31/07/2020	29-07-2020 (Symbolic)	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY (Entire Property)** All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing survey No. 92/5, measuring 13 Guntas, Khata No.384/245 as per Form No. 9 and 11 property No.150200102900721379, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose, vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (A.J). SR/86/2011-12, dated 15/09/2011, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, **Bangalore District, Bangalore, situated at Maragondanahalli village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and the same is bounded on the; East by :** Property of Sy No. 92/6, **West by :** Property of Sy No. 92/3 and Road, **North by:** Property of Sy No. 92/4, **South by :** Road, **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY-** 304 Square feet undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprised in the schedule A property. **SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY-** All that piece and parcel of the three bed rooms residential apartment/ flat bearing unit No. 311, property bearing RDPR Khata No. 150200102900721505, situated at Third Floor, having super built up area of 1320 Square feet along with 304 sq ft of undivided right of share in the land in the schedule A property and One covered car parking area in the stilt floor, in the residential apartment/building known as **"SLV SREEVARI ENCLAVE"** with water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, lift/s, and other areas of common use etc., and the same is **bounded on the : East by:** Corridor and flat No. 301, **West by:** Flat No.310, **North by :**Common Passage and Private Property, **South by :** Common Area.
4.	HOU/BAN/ 1015/246155	Mr. Govind Deepak Bhat & Mrs. Shobha Govind	06/12/2019	Rs. 43,92,728.53 (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Eight And Fifty Three Paisa Only) Due as on 31.07.2020	29-07-2020 (Symbolic)	**SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY -** All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing Sy. No. 42, measuring 1 Acre 04 Guntas and land in Sy. No.44, measuring 3 acres 36 guntas, totally measuring together 5 acres situated at Gubbalalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, **Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded as follows: East by :** Remaining portion of land in Sy. No. 44, **West by:** Survey No. 43, **North by:** Remaining portion of land in Sy. No. 44 and 48, **South by:** Remaining portion of land in Sy. No. 42. **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY (APARTMENT) –** Residential Apartment described below in the Apartment complex known as **"GOLDEN PANORAMA"** together with common area, common facilities, common open space, common stair case, common water and sanitation, separate electricity, easement rights and appurtenances thereto. Apartment bearing Unit No-3111, 11th Floor, Tower 3 with super built up area 1225.00 Sq ft and undivided share of land in **Schedule A Property is 517 Sq ft with one covered car parking and bounded by : East by:-** Tower 3, Unit No.3112, **West by :** Open Space, **North by:-** Open Space, **South by:-** Lift Lobby
5.	HOU/MRH/ 0416/282925	Mr.Raj Kaushik Panda & Ms. Aliya Tabasum	25/07/2018	Rs. 43,13,222.02 (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Two and Two Paisa only) Due as on 31.07.2020	29-07-2020 (Symbolic)	**SCHEDULE A (Description of entire Property)** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Khata No.s. 4636 and 4544 and Assessment No.4751 , in Sy. No. 119/1 measuring 0-12 Guntas and Sy. No 119/2 measuring 1 Acres and 16 Guntas in all measuring 1 Acres & 28 Guntas or 6882.15 Sq.Mtrs, which is duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose, vide conversion order No. ALN (A) (A)SR.65/ 2008-09 dated 21.10.2008 issued by the Deputy commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, **Bangalore District, presently comes under the purview of Hebbagodi City Muncipal Council, Bangalore and bounded on the East by :** Land in Sy. No. 119/3, **West by:-** Land in Sy. No.- 119/1, **North by:-** New Layout Road, **South by :-** Land in Sy No.111 and Sy. No. 112 and Road, **SCHEDULE B -** Share corresponding to 444 Sq.feet of undivided right, title and interest in the schedule "A" property to be conveyed to the purchaser/s herein **SCHEDULE C -** All the piece and parcel of the Apartment Bearing No. 104,on the Ground floor of Block C, in the apartment Building Known as **"PARAS MAITRI"** Constructed in the property described in the **Schedule 'A'** Property hereto, with a Super built up area of 1319 sq ft (including half depth of the walls) built with hollow blocks, RCC roof, Aluminum Windows, Hardwood door frames with Flush Shutters and Vitrified tile flooring, together with Single **Car Parking in the basement/ slit floor.**

PLACE : BANGALORE, DATE : 01-08-2020 — **AUTHORIZED OFFICER, PNB HOUSING FINANCE LTD.**

TRACKING COVID-19

Karnataka's recovery rate jumped to 42.81 per cent from 41.49 per cent on Sunday, with the total number of discharges in the state standing at 57,725.

4,077 NEW RECOVERIES

57,725 TOTAL RECOVERED

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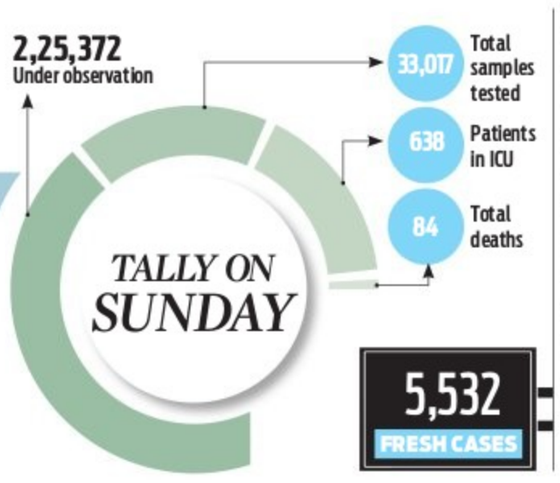

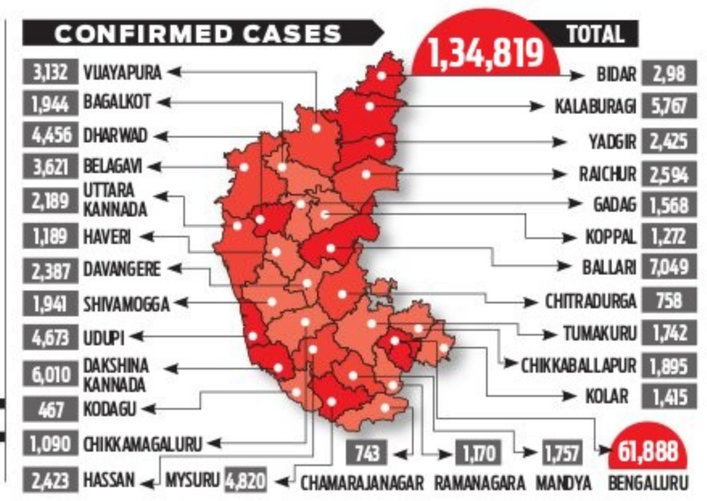

STAY OR LEAVE: VIRUSES HAVE TWO STRATEGIES

Japanese researchers from Kyushu University and National Institute of Infectious Diseases have revealed that viruses have two strategies to strengthen themselves after infecting human host cells. This revelation could appropriately help develop treatment tools to tackle diseases caused by various viruses. Though this research focuses on the Hepatitis C virus, researchers say it could be observed in other deadly viruses, including SARS-CoV-2, which causes Covid-19.

1. Researchers, using biological and mathematical models, have reported that viruses have two strategies, providing a new tool for insight into viruses that could be used to develop better treatment schedules.
2. Two main options exist for copies of a virus' genetic structure made in the cell: stay in the cell as a template for making more copies, or get packaged as a new virus and leave in an attempt to infect other cells.
3. While one of the studied virus strains causes severe and sudden symptoms, the other was a genetically-modified version developed in the laboratory to increase virus production, important for creating stocks of viruses for the development of treatments and vaccines.
4. Unable to reproduce on their own, viruses replicate by infecting a living organism's cells and getting the cells to make copies of them.
5. Mathematical modelling of behaviour observed for the two strains of Hepatitis C quantified their preference to either multiply or spread.
6. As an experimental base for the modelling, the researchers measured characteristics of each virus's behavior — such as number of infected cells and the amount of viral genetic code inside and outside the cells — over several days for cells grown and infected in the lab.
7. In particular, the researches estimated that the fraction of replicated genetic code packaged by the lab-developed strain to make new viruses was 3-times that of the other strain, indicating the preference of a 'leave' strategy for the former and a 'stay' strategy for the latter.

Using a model to fit experimental data measured for cells infected with two strains of Hepatitis C in the lab, researchers have quantified the viruses' preferences to adopt either a stay or leave strategy. The stay strategy emphasises keeping copies of genetic code in the cell to accelerate replication, while the leave strategy focuses on packaging and sending out genetic code to infect more cells.

Such strategies may be common in other chronic virus infections, and understanding them could help us develop effective therapeutic methods to counter individual virus strategies

- Shingo Iwami, associate professor, Faculty of Science at Kyushu University; Associate investigator, Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Biology (WPI-ASHBi) at Kyoto University

Beds for Covid patients set up at Broadway Hospital | EXPRESS

Broadway Hospital to treat Covid patients soon

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

FOUR months after the announcement, Broadway Hospital in Shivajinagar is ready to be converted into a Covid facility. The hospital has necessary infrastructure now and will open in 12-15 days, said Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar.

After visiting the hospital on Sunday, he told *The New Indian Express*, "The hospital will have 160 dedicated Covid beds with oxygen facilities and 30 beds for Intensive Care Unit with the ventilator support. Fifteen beds are for triage."

Infosys Foundation's Sudha Murty had come forward to fund the equipment required for the hospital and Rs 10.25 crore has been spent on infrastructure and equipment.

So far, we have got staff nurses, nursing superintendents, Group D staff, radiology technicians and security guards. But we don't have the doctors. Of the 66 doctors needed, six have joined. We need physicians, anaesthesiologist, critical care unit doctors, duty doctors and more

- Dr K Sudhakar, Medical Education Minister

The hospital requires doctors, 60 staff nurses and three nursing superintendents, six lab technicians, three radiology technicians, 60 Group D staff and 15 security guards.

Dr Sudhakar said that the hospital will treat moderate to severe Covid patients and the required medical staff is being hired. "So far, we have got staff nurses, nursing superintendents, Group D staff, radiology technicians and security guards. But we don't have the doctors. Of the 66 doctors needed, six have joined. We need physicians, anaesthesiologist, critical care unit doctors, duty doctors and more. They will be hired on contract basis. We think that more doctors will come forward and we will have the required staff. If need be, we will ask doctors from private hospitals to join and we can start the Covid facility soon," he said.

Broadway Hospital was earlier handed over to Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital under the medical education department. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike had constructed a new building for the hospital in 2018, but it was never used.

"This super-speciality hospital has all the necessary infrastructure. It has two high-end operation theatres for neuro and cardiac surgeries. It also has a cath lab, which is only the second in the city after Jaydeva Cardiovascular Sciences. It can be used after the pandemic is over. PG doctors and other students from Bowring Medical College can then join and work at Broadway Hospital," Dr Sudhakar said.

Dr Sudhkar tweeted, "On behalf of the government, I thank Sudharmurthy and Infosys foundation for providing necessary infrastructure to transform Broadway hospital into a well equipped hospital (sic)."

Don't target us: Small hospitals to BBMP

Ambulances parked near Sajjan Rao Circle in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHRIRAMBN

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

THE Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association (PHANA) has written to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Commissioner Manjunath Prasad, urging the administration to withdraw cancellation of trade licences of 19 hospitals, which were punished for not admitting patients and not allocating beds for Covid treatment.

PHANA, in its letter, explains that smaller hospitals with less than 50 beds suffer infrastructure and manpower constraints and are unable to take in Covid patients. It also urged the BBMP not to enforce reservation of 50 per cent of beds for Covid cases.

"While understanding the compulsions of the government to mobilise beds in private hospitals, the action of BBMP in putting up banners in front of hospitals and threatening closure is not only demoralising doctors and healthcare workers, but is also sending wrong sentiments to the community at large," stated an excerpt of the letter, signed by Dr R Ravindra, president, PHANA.

Smaller private hospitals TNIE spoke to said they feel targeted by the government. Dr Ashok Rao, the owner of Vinayaka Hospital, which is one of the 19 hospitals, said, "After the onset of corona, most staff nurses, ward boys and ayahs quit out of fear. Because of lack of staff, we closed one floor entirely and have only one floor remaining with 6-7 beds, 3-4 staff nurses in the ward per day who can cater to 3-4 patients. Maternity care is labour intensive, with one nurse looking after the baby, another looking after the mother and gynaecologists and obstetricians dealing with emergency cases, like deliveries," he said.

Another reason he mentioned, which is common to other small hospitals too, is the single entry and exit for both Covid and non-Covid patients which increases the risk of cross-contamination.

The third reason is the lack of sufficient infrastructure as such centres have only 25-30 beds.

Dr Vishwanath Bhat, the owner of Radhakrishna Multispeciality Hospital — another facility on the list, said that his hospital caters to maternity and geriatric cases. "We don't have doctors who work full time, but only consultants who work with us sometimes. There is one entrance to the basement where dialysis is done and if the other entrance is used for both corona and non-corona patients, the hospital itself will turn into a super-spreader," he said.

He pointed out that government officials, who lack medical knowledge, take decisions without visiting hospitals and checking the feasibility on the ground. Facing a financial crunch, small hospitals also do not have enough funds to set up separate Covid wards.

Most of the 19 hospitals did not receive the notice of cancellation of trade licenses but found out through the announcement made by the BBMP in the media. They, however, received show-cause notices for not reserving 50 per cent beds.

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Dr R Ravindra, president, PHANA

Hosp restrains woman over ₹7.4 lakh bill

MEGHANA SASTRY @Bengaluru

MEMBERS of the Human Rights Anti-Corruption Bureau staged a silent protest outside St Philomena's Hospital along with the family of a Covid patient who was charged an exorbitant amount for treatment, on Saturday.

Hospital authorities refused to let the patient Priya be discharged over non-payment of the bill amounting to Rs 7.4 lakh. Priya was admitted 21 days back after catching the virus from her husband Andrew, a painter.

"When we first tried to get Priya admitted at Philomena's, we were quoted a bill of a lakh, which we couldn't afford. Authorities asked us to pay what we had — Rs 10,000 and then Rs 35,000 that we borrowed," said Andrew.

They had initially gone to KC General Hospital, where they were turned away due to a shortage of beds.

On being given the Rs 7.4 lakh bill, the family was shocked, and struggled to put together Rs 2.5 lakh over the course of the treatment, but the hospital refused to let her go until the entire amount was cleared.

Priya's uncle then approached the bureau, which negotiated with the hospital.

Santosh Kumar, general secretary of the bureau, said, "We negotiated with the hospital all day, after which they released her for a lakh."

He added that he requested the hospital to give concessions to the poor, or the matter will be taken up with Minister Dr K Sudhakar.

Patient Priya's family and members of the Human Rights Anti-Corruption Bureau stage a protest on Saturday| MEGHANA SASTRY

COVID WATCH

NO RT-PCR SAMPLES PENDING IN KOLAR

Kolar: Results of RT-PCR tests are being declared in 24 hours and the backlog has been cleared, said Dr Narayanaswamy, senior nodal officer. Each day, about 250 RT-PCR samples come in for testing, apart from 40-60 samples for TrueNat tests in urgent cases. The number of rapid antigen tests being conducted in the district will be increased, he said. As of Sunday, 103 patients are in SNR Hospital and 102 in RL Jalappa Hospital, said District Surveillance Officer Dr Charani. On Sunday, 135 people were discharged, taking the total number to 701.

— V VELAYUDHAM

Mysuru hospital helps 52 women with Covid-19 deliver healthy babies

KARTHIK K K@Mysuru

AMID the challenging situation arising due to the sharp spike in Covid-19 cases in Mysuru, a government maternity hospital in VV Puram has helped 52 women who had contracted the virus deliver virus-free babies in the last one-and-half months.

Lakshmi Devamma Shankarashetty Maternity Hospital, which was converted into a dedicated Covid-19 hospital for treating pregnant women, has so far tended to 77 infected women in various stages of their pregnancy. It was converted as many hospitals were denying treatment to pregnant women who had tested positive for Covid-19.

Shortly after the hospital started a 30-bed ward on June 20, a pregnant woman who had tested positive was shifted here and delivered a baby. Since then, till July 31, doctors have helped deliver 52 babies of whom, 41 were delivered by C-section.

A team of gynaecologists, a surgeon, an anaesthetist and a paediatrician are rendering service along with trained nurses.

It hasn't been an easy task for the nurses and doctors considering the exposure to the virus and the limited resources and equipment the hospital has. "Two of my staffers had tested positive and were in quarantine. They completed their home isolation period and joined work," said Dr Malathy, paediatrician-cum-administrative medical officer of VV Puram maternity hospital.

She said there were instances of nurses above the age group of 55 years working to fill the gap of nursing staff crunch.

The hospital has not reported a single Covid death so far.

TESTED, NOT OKAY

CT VALUE FOR RT-PCR TESTS 'NOT ADVISABLE', 'FLAWED': ICMR TO STATE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has said "it is not advisable" to attach the Cycle Threshold value (or 'Ct value') to Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test results of Covid-19 patients, as requested by the state to help improve triaging of Covid-19 patients in moving them quickly to hospitals with appropriate bed and medical equipment facility as per their viral load and case severity.

ICMR Director-General Prof Balram Bhargava, responding to Karnataka Chief Secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar's letter dated July 25, has stated in a letter that the issue of adding such a value to each test report "is not advisable and is scientifically flawed".

The Chief Secretary had written to ICMR with the request following The New Indian Express article dated July 16, based on experts' opinions stressing on the importance of attaching the Ct value to test reports to make bed allocation more efficient to ensure a better patient recovery rate.

The Ct value in RT-PCR tests indicates the viral load of Covid-positive patients. Experts said that to reduce the time taken to provide appropriate treatment to Covid 19 patients, especially those under high risk, authorities would direct laboratories to attach Ct values to enable health officials to understand the urgency or the severity of the case. For that, ICMR's clearance was required.

However, ICMR chief Prof Bhargava said, "There are no reliable studies to definitively prove a direct correlation between disease severity /infectiousness and Ct values. Viral load also has no role in patient management ... Samples from asymptomatic and mild cases show Ct values similar to those who develop severe disease."

He has explained to the Chief Secretary that patients in early symptomatic stage "may show a high Ct value which may subsequently change. In such cases, high Ct values will give a false sense of security. Severity of Covid disease largely depends on a host of factors besides the viral load. Some patients with low viral load may suffer from very severe disease due to triggering of the immunological responses. Hence, again high Ct value may give a false sense of security."

He pointed out that Ct values differ from one diagnostic kit to the other and compatibility of Ct values among different kits is a challenge as labs across the country are using a mixed basket of kits.

Ct values also depend on how the sample has been collected. "A poorly-collected sample may reflect inappropriate Ct values. Besides, Ct values are also determined by technical competence of the person performing the test, calibration of equipment and pipettes and analytical skills of the interpreters," he said.

"Moreover, the RT-PCR test presently being conducted is qualitative in nature. Ct values may give only a rough estimate of viral load. In view of the above, it is not recommended to rely on Ct values for Covid-19 patient management," Prof Bhargava has stressed.

RAT RESULTS VIA APP

For reporting Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) results through the RT-PCR app, ICMR will be working with the National information Centre (NIC) to make the whole process user-friendly and less time-consuming, Prof Bhargava has informed Chief Secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar.

In a shocking incident, jewellery belonging to a woman who died of Covid-19, was found to be missing from a private hospital in Hyderabad. The jewellery consisted of a nose stud and earrings, both studded with diamonds, a chain and a ring worn on her finger

K'taka sees 5,532 fresh Covid cases

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KARNATAKA on Sunday continued to be at No. 2 spot on the number of active cases among states in the country, with the total at 74,950, after Maharashtra (1,48,537), and followed by Andhra Pradesh with 74,404 active cases.

The state reported 5,532 new positive cases on Sunday, taking the tally to 1,34,819. With 84 more deaths on Sunday, the toll now stands at 2,496. Among the new deaths, 19 had 'contact under tracing' while others were diagnosed with SARI and ILI. A majority of them had comorbidities.

As per official data, the share of asymptomatic patients has increased to 78.4% while symptomatic patients account for 21.3% as of August 1.

Among the Sunday's addition to the toll, 21 were from Bengaluru Urban district, which alone added 2,105 new cases to its tally of 59,501. However, there were 2,331 discharges taking the total to 20,910.

Meanwhile, Ballari added 377 new cases, Kalaburgi and Mysuru, 238 each, followed by Raichur with 212 cases and Udupi and Dharwad with 182 and 181 cases, respectively.

So far, the state has had 49,302 cases under investigation, 13,092 cases of ILI, 2,804 cases with SARI, 747 cases with international travel history, 8,153 cases who are contacts and 55,288 cases of domestic travel history.

Patient dies, kin vandalise hospital

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A patient's family vandalised the area outside the ICU at the Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research after he died on Sunday. The family alleged that the hospital delayed his treatment.

Dr C N Manjunath, Senior Cardiologist and Director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research said, "The patient had a severe heart attack and we treated him. He was in a cardiogenic shock. However, the patient died after which the family vandalised the hospital by breaking the glass door and some of the infrastructure outside the ICU area."

"The incident has left the staffers in fear. We are going to file an FIR at the Tilaknagar police station," he said.

Vigilance seeks to probe Kerala CM's secretary

VACB awaits State govt nod; Union Minister stages day-long fast

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ T'Puram

THE Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau (VACB) has sought the nod of the state government to probe the corruption allegation levelled against M Sivasankar, former principal secretary to chief minister.

Vigilance Director Anil Kant has written to the government in this regard, on the basis of a complaint filed by an Ernakulam native seeking a probe into the appointment of Swapna Suresh in the IT Department and the selection procedure of consultancies in various projects.

Swapna is an accused in the gold smuggling case and her appointment in the Space Park that comes under the IT Department was reportedly done out of the way as she lacked necessary qualifications. Opposition leader Ramesh Chennithala had also lodged a complaint with the Vigilance seeking a probe against Sivasankar. As per the rules, if a senior bureaucrat has to be probed in a corruption case under the Prevention of Corruption Act, the investigating agency should seek the prior approval from the state government.

With the Vigilance seeking government nod, all eyes will now on be the Chief Minister, who handles the Home Department. If the government denies Vigilance permission to probe the case, it might ignite a political slugfest. The Vigilance, sources said, will register a case against the senior official only if there is prima facie evidence against him.

Vigilance sources said by seeking the government nod they are just following the rules and there is nothing extraordinary about the move.

> **The CM has betrayed the country by giving away his office to those who indulged in anti-national activities. He must resign. The NIA took up the case after the Customs reported that the accused had terror links**
>
> V Muraleedharan, Union Minister

Meanwhile, Union Minister V Muraleedharan on Sunday observed a day-long fast at his residence here demanding the resignation of Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan over the gold smuggling case. The fast was part of intensifying the BJP's protests against the Kerala government over the recent gold smuggling involving diplomatic baggage.

The Minister of state for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs alleged the chief minister had allowed his office to be used by those who indulged in "anti-national activities and betrayed the nation."

"The Chief Minister has betrayed the country by giving away his office to those who indulged in anti-national activities. He must resign. The NIA took up the case after the Customs reported that the accused persons have terror links," Muraleedharan said.

The fast was inaugurated by BJP national general secretary P Muralidhar Rao.

HANGING BY A THREAD

An elderly destitute man puts up a mosquito net at a bus stop in Chennai during the lockdown on Sunday | P JAWAHAR

TN Guv Banwarilal tests Covid-positive

ENS @ Chennai

TAMIL NADU Governor Banwarilal Purohit tested positive for Covid-19 on Sunday. He has been advised to undergo home isolation by the doctors of a private hospital here.

According to a health bulletin issued by the Kauvery Hospital, the Governor is asymptomatic and clinically stable. The bulletin signed by Dr Aravindan Selvaraj, executive director, Kauvery Hospital, said the Governor underwent further tests and assessments at the hospital. "As the infection is mild, he has been advised home isolation and will be monitored by the medical team of Kauvery Hospital," the bulletin said. The 81-year-old Governor was in quarantine at the Raj Bhavan after 84 people working in the Governor's office had tested positive in the last week.

TOP POST

Not everyone on board with Jarkiholi's demands

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ACCORDING to the Jarkiholi camp, Chief Minister Yediyurappa is keen on dropping Laxman Savadi and Shashikala Jolle, both Lingayats and from Belagavi, from the cabinet and accommodate Umesh Katti, another Lingayat and a Belagavi MLA. Hiriyur MLA Poornima K Srinivas, daughter of former minister A Krishnappa, is likely to be inducted into the cabinet in place of Shashikala Jolle.

Women and Child Development minister Shashikala Jolle, who also visited New Delhi in a hush-hush trip two weeks ago, met Jarkiholi ahead of his Delhi flight and is said to have asked him to help her retain her post in the cabinet.

Jarkiholi is said to be keen on reminding the BJP central leadership that he was assured of a Deputy CM post when he agreed to quit the Congress and join the BJP. Not everyone in the state BJP, however, seem to agree with Jarkiholi's demand.

Leaders in the state unit are of the opinion that since Govind Karjol, an SC, is already a Deputy CM, the central leadership is unlikely to elevate Jarkiholi, an ST, or replace Laxman Savadi. The state unit leaders also expect a backlash from B Sriramulu, another prominent ST leader, and his supporters if he is overlooked for the post after being propped up as a probable Deputy CM candidate during the 2018 Assembly elections.

BSY asymptomatic: CMO

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YEDIYURAPPA has appealed to all those who came in contact with him to isolate themselves.

The infection, CMO officials said, was detected during routine weekly tests conducted for the Chief Minister. "He is asymptomatic, but coronavirus was detected during the routine test. Although he wanted to be in home quarantine, doctors have suggested that he be hospitalised," said a CMO source. All of the CM's personal staff have been tested and their results are awaited. The CM had home-quarantined himself twice earlier after staff at his official residence had tested positive on two different occasions.

Meanwhile, Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar was one of the first among the cabinet ministers to react. "A fighter by birth, people's leader and the State's beloved chief minister B S Yediyurappa has tested positive for Covid-19. I pray for his speedy recovery. Wishes and prayers of the people of the state are with you. You will recover quickly and return to work as usual very soon," Sudhakar tweeted.

Last week, the CM, accompanied by Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, had met Governor Vajubhai Vala apart from his cabinet colleagues. Yediyurappa had also participated in a Metro line inauguration and had met Prof Kasturirangan to congratulate him for the National Education Policy. This apart, he has been holding meetings of senior officials and was scheduled to hold one on Monday too.

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TENDER - CUM - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Properties Mortgaged to Repco Home Finance Ltd. Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas **Borrower: Mrs. Geetha Yogesh,** W/o, R. Yogananda, **Co-Borrower: Mr. R. Yogananda,** S/o, Y. Ramappa, have borrowed money from Repco Home Finance Limited, Banasankarai (now the account transferred to ARB Banglore) Branch against the mortgage of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder, the company has issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 on **25-11-2016** calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being vide **Loan Account No. 1851890000304** being **Rs.19,59,887/-** on **05-11-2016** together with further interest, costs and expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Whereas the borrower & co-borrowers having failed to pay the amount due to the Company as called for in the said demand notice, the Company has taken possession of the secured asset more fully described in the schedule hereunder on **23-02-2017** under Section 13 (4) of the Act.

Whereas the borrowers having failed to pay the dues in full, the secured creditor, Repco Home Finance Limited has decided to sell the under mentioned secured asset in **"As is where is condition"** and **"As is what is condition"** under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for realization of the debts dues to the company. The dues of the borrower being vide **Loan Account No. 2581890000072** being **Rs.36,14,629/-** as on **04-07-2020.**

DETAILS OF SALE

Date and Time of E-Auction	26-08-2020, 11.00 A.M -12.00 P.M (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)
EMD (10% of Reserve Price)	Rs.4,72,500/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)
Reserve Price	Rs.47,25,000/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Only)
Last Date & time for submitting E -Tenders	25-08-2020, 04.00 P.M
Minimum Bid Increment Amount	Rs.10,000/-

Description of Property:

All the Piece and Parcel of Property Bearing No. 6, Katha No. 21, situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now within the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, measuring East to West 50 ft, North to South 30 ft, totally measuring 1500 Sq.ft.,

Bounded on:-

East by: Road **West by:** Property of Maichal **North by:** Property No. 5 **South by:** Property No. 7

Terms and Conditions

The intending bidders of the property should send their bids in the prescribed tender form in a closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the reserve price by means of RTGS / NEFT / DD / Banker's Cheque drawn in favour of **"Repco Home Finance Limited"** payable at **ARB Banglore**. Tender form not in the prescribed format will not be accepted

For inspection of the property the intending bidders may contact the Branch Head, Repco Home Finance Limited, **ARB Banglore** Branch, on all working days between 10 A.M to 5 P.M. **Contact Nos. (080) 41233109, 88840 00309**

Place: **Bengaluru**
Date: **27-07-2020**

Authorised officer
Repco Home Finance Limited

CHANGE OF NAME

We, Chandrakumar M.S S/o late Shivanna aged about 51 years and Shobha .M W/o Chandrakumar M.S aged about 43 years both residing are # 307, 3rd Floor Sai Mithra Woods Apartments N.35, 17th Main, Muneshwara Block, Avalahalli, Mysore Road, GEF post Bengaluru-560026, have changed my daughter name from **CHINMAYI.C** to **CHINMAYI.C. GOWDA** vide affidavit dated: ....., sworn before Notary

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SAVING THE GREEN

Covid hits forest protectors, conservation may suffer

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

COVID-19 has taken a toll on jobs across sectors, and those working to protect our forests are feeling the heat too. The delay in release of funds from the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), state and central governments has impacted wildlife protection across the state, and more so in tiger reserves. The NTCA has not released funds for those working in anti-poaching camps, putting pressure on the state forest department to lay off people.

"While sufficient money has been allocated to Nagarhole and Bandipur reserves, there have been cuts at BRT, Kali and Bhadra reserves. Funding has drastically reduced, and we have brought this up at the regional and head office of the NTCA. We have requested that agreed-upon wages be released first, and then funds for other works," said Ajai Mishra, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife.

He said that though there are funds available under Project Tiger, the amount is being kept for emergencies, and that they may be forced to use it. Citing the example of BRT reserve, Mishra said there are 104 anti-poaching watchers, but the NTCA has only sanctioned funds to pay 48 of them. Ideally, each anti-poaching camp has four watchers, but going by the funds released, only one can be stationed at each camp.

Sanjai Mohan, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, added for the last four years, the Centre has been releasing funds late - money that should be released in March, only comes through by August.

"Anti-poaching camps are crucial. They are the backbone of conservation, and they have been hit the worst. When the pandemic hit, the state and Centre listed the services of the forest department as essential - this means wages should not be cut. what's happening on ground is very different from the reality," a senior forest department told *TNIE*.

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APPENDIX- IV A

[See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]

E-AUCTION ON 21.08.2020

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **21.08.2020** for recovery of **Rs.1,19,98,900/-** (Rupees One crore nineteen lacs ninety eight thousand nine hundred only) as on 31.07.2020 + interest from 01.08.2020 + costs, charges and incidental expenses to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Sri. Shamarao Rajendra Rao Kulkarni,** Samruddi Building, Jamakhandi Math Layout, II Cross, Narayanpur Dharwad. **Also at : (1)** Sri. Shamarao Rajendra Rao Kulkarni, Chowki Math Building, Vikas Nagar, Opposite B G School, Dharwad. **(2)** Arihantha Building, Canara Bank Colony, Kelageri Road, Dharwad 580001.
The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount will be as under:-

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.1,10,00,000/-	Rs.11,00,000/-	Rs. 1,50,000/-	12.30 am. to 1.30 pm. on 21.08.2020	On or before 19.08.2020 up to 4.00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/PK/2020-21/579:
Title deed holder: Sri. Shamarao R Kulkarni
All the piece and parcel of the House Property, NA Plot No.4 in Sy. No. 47/1+2A/2, measuring 2 guntas 9.25 annas and NA Plot No. 5+6/1 in Sy. No.47/1+2A/2 measuring 01guntas 6.3 annas out of 2 guntas 2.5annas on the western side of the property both situated at Doddanayakanakoppa, Jamakhandimath Layout, Dharwad House building thereon belonging to Sri. Shamarao Rajendra Rao Kulkarni and the same is bounded by East: Plot No.5, West: Plot No.3, North: Road and South: Plot No.10 & 11.

To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are entries related to Agreement to sale entered into by the Owner with prospective purchaser after the mortgage in favour of the Bank. An agreement of sale does not by itself create any charges or interest in the property and therefore the entry relating to agreement of sale cannot be equated with encumbrance. However, intending bidders should make their own independent enquires regarding the encumbrance, title of the property put on auction, approved/sanctioned plan from appropriate statutory authority and claims/rights/dues affecting the property, prior to submitting their bids, The e-auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the Bank.The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/ dues. It Shall be the responsibilities of the intending bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the property before submission of the bid(s). It shall be deemed that intending bidders have done their own due deligence before submitting the tender. No conditional bid will be accepted.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.sbi.co.in and www.tenderwizard.com/SBIEAUCTION.

Date: 03.08.2020
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
SARB, Bengaluru

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TENDER - CUM - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Properties Mortgaged to Repco Home Finance Ltd. Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas **Borrower: Mr. N. Raghavendra Prasad,** S/o, Narasimha, **Co-Borrower: Mrs. Suvarna,** W/o, Narasimha, have borrowed money from Repco Home Finance Limited, **Banglore** Branch against the mortgage of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder, the company has issued a **Demand Notice** under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 on **19-01-2018** calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being vide **Loan Account No. 2581870000273** being **Rs.63,29,685/-** on **18-01-2018** together with further interest, costs and expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Whereas the borrower & co-borrowers having failed to pay the amount due to the Company as called for in the said demand notice, the Company has taken possession of the secured asset more fully described in the schedule hereunder on **04-06-2018** under Section 13 (4) of the Act.

Whereas the borrowers having failed to pay the dues in full, the secured creditor, Repco Home Finance Limited has decided to sell the under mentioned secured asset in **"As is where is condition"** and **"As is what is condition"** under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for realization of the debts dues to the company. The dues of the borrower being vide **Loan Account No. 2581870000273** being **Rs.36,54,103 /-** as on **27-07-2020.**

DETAILS OF SALE

Date and Time of E-Auction	26-08-2020, 11.00 A.M -12.00 P.M (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)
EMD (10% of Reserve Price)	Rs.13,23,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Twenty three Thousand Only)
Reserve Price	Rs.1,32,30,000/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakhs and Thirty thousand Only)
Last Date & time for submitting E -Tenders	25-08-2020, 04.00 P.M
Minimum Bid Increment Amount	Rs.10,000/-

Description of Property:

Schedule - A:

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted vacant land bearing Sy.No. 1/2, converted for residential purpose vide official memorandum bearing reference No.B.Dis.ALN(E)RS(kh) 135/09-10 Dated 19-3-2010, issued by the special deputy commissioner, Bangalore Dist, Bangalore and the property bearing BBMP Katha No.07, ward no. 25, situated at Geddalahalli village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now falls within the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, measuring 0-12 Guntas of land, totally measuring 13068 Sq.ft., and bounded on the:

East by: Property belongs to St. Michael's high school. **West by:** Property belongs to Mr. Sowrappa

North by: Road & remaining portion of land in Sy.No. 1/2 **South by:** Property belongs to MR.P.C. Thampi

Schedule – B:

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A quiet mind is one which nothing weighs on, nothing worries, which, free from ties and from all self-seeking, is wholly merged into the will of God and dead to its own. ... To the quiet mind all things are possible

Meister Eckhart

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— Ramnath Goenka

SOLVING TELANGANA-AP WATER DISPUTES THROUGH TALKS

The Telangana and Andhra Pradesh governments have raised objections afresh over irrigation schemes in their respective states. They went ahead without taking the other into confidence and did not share the details—this ultimately led to controversies including the recent decision of the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) asking the AP government not to take up the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme that requires access to the Srisailam backwaters. With the unending disputes continuing, the Union Jal Shakti Minister had convened an Apex Council meeting on August 5, which is now doubtful in view of the Telangana CM objecting to the timing and seeking a postponement.

Water is one of the emotive issues on which the Telangana movement was built, due to the insufficient allocations to the region over decades. While CM K Chandrashekar Rao's assertion that he would not forgo even a drop that Telangana is entitled to might help in rallying people behind him, it would not benefit the state if there is no reasonable settlement of the water disputes. When the UPA government bifurcated the undivided state, it reappointed the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal to divide the 1,004 tmcft share of united Andhra between the two states. But this has not been done though six years have passed. Similarly, there are two boards constituted for the purpose of resolving contentious issues among the two warring states—KRMB for the Krishna and GRMB for the Godavari. They have failed to implement their own orders due to lack of powers to discipline the states.

While the adjudicating authorities are taking their time, that the state governments are going ahead with their plans has only compounded the crisis. It is surprising that though both states are fighting for more allocation from the Krishna river, they are letting nearly 3,000 tmcft of Godavari water flow into the Bay of Bengal every year. Soon after Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy came to power in AP, KCR invited him for friendly talks on water-sharing including diversion of the Godavari surplus. They were held twice but ended abruptly due to political parties raising local sentiments. It would be prudent for both CMs to resume discussions and eventually end the decades-long litigation in higher courts and tribunals that have cost hundreds of crores.

IRULAS AND EDUCATION FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED

A debate rages on over the National Education Policy and the conspicuous near-absence of the word caste in the policy document. It is at this juncture that a teenage girl from Tamil Nadu has rekindled the debate on social versus economic deprivation. Dhanalakshmi is a tribal girl belonging to the Irula community. Her repeated attempts to secure a community certificate—so that she can get a college education—have hit a wall. While the right to education has been guaranteed by the Constitution to Scheduled Tribes, one of the most disadvantaged groups, the system, more often than not, ensures they do not get access to that right. Even if the parents have community certificates, an Irula child can secure one for herself only if she manages to convince a team of anthropologists that she, indeed, is a tribal child.

There are reports galore of these children being asked to catch rats and snakes to prove they are tribals. Access to education—the greatest social equaliser—is still dependent on adherence to deeply-entrenched caste practices for these tribal students. Naturally, Dhanalakshmi had to fight to get a certificate. When she was summoned for an inquiry, a group of men from dominant castes gathered outside the RDO and asked her to withdraw her demand. When she refused, she was attacked.

To put things in perspective, the new education policy is coming at a time when tribal girls seeking a higher education and better future continue to be assaulted by men of dominant castes. It comes at a time when some people from other castes bribe and cheat to obtain community certificates, denying the privilege to the real beneficiaries. It is high time that the discourse over caste-based reservations is tweaked to make the public understand that the policy is not about disincentivising a merit-based system, but about incentivising education for those who cannot afford it, through scholarships and stipends. Our previous experiments have failed to deliver social justice to the most downtrodden effectively. The new education policy has to fix that.

While it is no mean achievement for a Church from an obscure corner of the world to find itself a seat on the Palatine, let us look at the ground realities in the state

KERALA'S CHURCH: BUT WHERE HAS THE MESSAGE GONE?

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AMIT BANDRE

Not everyone can win the occupancy of a 1,700 year-old basilica in the heart of Rome, situated upon the Palatine Hill, the first nucleus of the Roman Empire where once the palaces of the great Caesars stood. Kerala's Syro-Malabar Church has just done it. Pope Francis has assigned to the Kerala Church the Santa Anastasia Minor basilica, one of the world's oldest Christian places of worship, whose construction was started by Emperor Constantine in 325-326 CE and which is one of Palatine's tourist attractions.

The Syro-Malabar Church and its over-a-dozen fellow Christian Churches are all too familiar to Keralites—they are never away from the news for reasons both right and wrong. For those not in the know: the Syro-Malabar Church (SMC)— along with the Malankara—represents that wing of the Catholic Church (61% of Kerala's total Christian population) which upholds a Syrian tradition as different from the Latin (meaning European). The Syrian tradition is linked to the earliest Christian traders from the Persian region who sought out Kerala for its spices circa the 1st to 3rd centuries onwards. (Popular faith holds that it was St. Thomas the apostle who first brought Christianity to Kerala in the 1st century, though it is historically unverified.) The Latin connection came via the Portuguese, following Vasco da Gama's arrival in Kozhikode in 1498 and the Portuguese colonisation of the western coast. Both Syrian and Latin rites owe allegiance to the Pope.

In other words, the SMC, arguably one of the world's oldest Christian congregations, is actually older than the hoary basilica assigned to it. The Pope took the step—responding to a request from the Kerala Church—in order to provide the more than 7,000 members of the SMC diaspora in Rome a Malayalam-speaking spiritual hub. In a dog-eat-dog world—religion least excluded from this merciless feast—it is no mean achievement for a Church from an obscure corner of the world to find itself a seat on the Palatine. The SMC has every right to feel good.

But when eyes turn inwards from the grand heights of the Palatine to the ground realities in Kerala, we see in the SMC a giant religious conglomerate mired in tragic moral and spiritual decay and reckless materialism—of course a description that fits the bill of nearly every religious institution today. As a person born into the SMC but who chose to leave it, this writer has been an interested observer of the zigzag journey of the Church during the last several decades. The Church, without doubt, has made significant contributions to the Kerala society, of which the foremost would be the pioneering role it played in the spread of universal education and healthcare in the decades following Independence. In both instances, the Church's was a modernising initiative.

A spirit of Christian idealism led it. The proselytising urge was in check. In less than a decade after Independence, the wealth, political power and social influence of the Church had leapfrogged. Its formidable network of dedicated clergy, obedient laity and institutions of excellence functioned like a fine-tuned engine in the temperate communal climate of Kerala. The Church's phenomenal growth was assisted in no small measure by the constitutional provisions of Minority Rights. However, simultaneously, a new force was gathering momentum in Kerala: Communism.

Arguably the Kerala Church's headlong fall into murky politics and the venality that goes with it began when it picked the Communist party as its chief enemy. Aided by Nairs and Muslims, the Church formulated and led the infamous *Vimochana Samaram*—Liberation Struggle—in 1958-59 against Kerala's first Communist government (installed in April 1957). In July 1959, responding to the demand of the 'liberation struggle', Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's government dismissed the government of chief minister E M S Namboodiripad using Article 356. Indira Gandhi was the then Congress President. The Church had tasted political blood.

> The Western Church's conversion from the spiritual to the materialistic took place over a thousand years ago when it crowned itself the kingmaker of Europe and its coffers were filled with untold wealth. The Kerala Church, in its own way, was following suit: the same shameful story, of course, of every other spiritual empire of today

The corporatisation of the Church, which took place in the following decades, was inescapable considering the extensive diversification of its activities and the huge investments and assets in its control. But that introduced into the psyche of the Church a blatantly utilitarian, even brutal, value-system that certainly suited a world of buying and selling but not of the spirit—especially when your celebrated brand name is that of a young carpenter-turned-preacher by the name Jesus who perhaps didn't own a second pair of sandals or a change of clothes. The Western Church's conversion from the spiritual to the materialistic took place over a thousand years ago when it crowned itself the kingmaker of Europe and its coffers were filled with untold wealth. The Kerala Church, in its own way, was following suit: the same shameful story, of course, of every other spiritual empire of today.

What about the sex issues, people ask. There never was a time when sex wasn't a problem for the Church ever since celibacy became mandatory for the clergy and chastity for the nuns back in the Middle Ages. It isn't as if the Church's 2,000-year-old fund of worldly wisdom doesn't know that both celibacy and chastity are losing games and man will be man and woman, woman, irrespective of the robes they wear. But the Church continues to take this formidable risk and face the consequences that are often painful because it absolutely cannot do without the cadres of the tens of thousands of dedicated, single-minded, full-time workers—the priests and nuns—who have no other affiliations. They are its backbone. The Kerala Church has its share of scandals but sex is hardly the yardstick to judge its existential crisis, even though that hogs the headlines.

The Kerala Church's—perhaps of the universal Church's too—real crisis is one of honesty. It's a crisis of preaching a message but losing it within oneself. It's true that living up to the ideals of the young carpenter is hard—perhaps impossible. New times do call for new strategies. Charity begins with money in hand. But where do you draw the line? If profit displaces mercy, what happens to the message of the man on the cross? Isn't it best then to call oneself Church Inc.?

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CHAOTIC DYNAMICS OF A PROJECT-BASED PROFESSION

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News about nepotism, cartels or even gangs of influential professionals has been dominating the media and hence our minds. People from different backgrounds and professions are coming out with their struggles in some immensely competitive but highly visible industries. Writers are talking about the closed doors of the publishing industry; musicians are speaking out about the biases of music companies. I have my own stories as an independent content creator. I am sure lawyers, chartered accountants, freelancers and consultants of all kinds would have their tales to tell.

Let us take an objective view of professions that are project-based in nature. You typically come together as a team of independent professionals for a project. Once finished, you move on to the next project with another team. Overlaps between different teams are minimal at the beginning of your career but they increase with time as your network grows and as you become part of more and more projects. This model is prevalent in most creative fields.

Sometimes, you may form a close-knit team that you repeatedly work with due to the rapport you build over time, a sense of comfort or simply a compatible working relationship. When these close-knit teams get too strong, they create entry barriers for others knowingly or unknowingly, more often to get as much of the business share as possible. If they become monopolistic, deliberately blocking new entrants, they can harm the culture and overall quality of the industry.

Assume an ideal fair play scenario in such a creative industry, where anyone with the required qualifications and talent can come and work. How do people get discovered for projects? Most of the time, these projects do not have clearly defined processes for selection, unlike the corporate sector. There are no organised sources to directly scout talent, like a bunch of colleges or institutes. Personal biases of decision makers are bound to creep in. Add to this the fact that the work itself is short term, highly diverse and demands different sets of skills or profiles every time.

So, to get work, people need to be visible. They need to hustle. To find the right people for their projects, project owners need to keep an eye on new talent; they too need to hustle. Sometimes agencies step in to manage this hustling, but more often than not, it happens informally, in social gatherings and public events. You get noticed for your visible work. That is why most people end up doing their initial projects for almost nothing. Initial projects are like an investment into building your professional resume.

> In project-based professions like the film industry, you may form a close-knit team that you repeatedly work with due to the rapport you build over time. When these close-knit teams get too strong, they create entry barriers for others knowingly or unknowingly. If they deliberately block new entrants, they can harm the quality of the industry

Putting a price tag on your work is tricky. There are no standards whatsoever. Price is a function of your standing, your credibility, your past record and, most importantly, how desperately the client needs you. There have been umpteen times when I have worked for a price only to realise that I could have easily quoted two to four times that price. Since most of these professions demand one's personal time commitment, price is also a function of how much work you have on hand. Once you are well established, your price is also well established, but till then it's a topsy-turvy ride. In fact, when you have enough work at hand, you end up quoting an exorbitant price to say no, or to test the waters. If you are not good with your accounts, you need to budget in for leakages of all kinds.

Revenue flow in these professions is as erratic as it can get. By design, there is no regular income; it comes in spurts. Your payments may depend on when your client gets paid. There may be few agencies between you and your client and each step would take its own cut as well as time. Your remuneration may be linked to the revenue of the end product. Forecasting revenue is tough and accounting of receipts hardly transparent. Take the case of author-publisher teams. No one can ever predict book sales. Once it is in the market, the author has no real visibility to the number of copies sold. A lot of things work on sheer faith, another reason why people tend to stick to people they trust. Transparency in accounts is much needed, but because creators are not a community, they never come together to demand this. On the contrary, they end up competing unnecessarily.

Most new entrants in creative fields, with their eyes full of dreams, think life will be hunky dory once they are successful. They see only the rewarding part of their dream professions. Nothing prepares them for the bumps on the road, the crowd they have to jostle through. Mentors can help but one has to be fortunate to find one.

This makes me think about the artist guilds that worked in the good old days and moved as a community for different projects. I can see a stark difference in the creation-creator relationship nowadays. Maybe we need to go back and study these models! Till then, being aware of what you are getting into can help you deal with it.

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Gehlot's change of heart

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's move to offer an olive branch to former deputy CM Sachin Pilot and the rebel MLAs has stumped many, seeing as he was calling them names just a few days earlier. Gehlot's change in stance makes one wonder if the number of legislators supporting the government may have fallen below the crucial 100 mark.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Bring Pilot back

Sachin Pilot's strength of character and commitment to his ideology must be admired. Due to this, he fought to remain in the party, instead of taking the easy route of going in search of greener pastures. He should be welcomed back by both Gehlot and the high command as such people are hard to find these days.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

DD and religious events

This is with reference to *Doordarshan's tribute to the Lord* (Aug 2). Doordarshan is a public broadcaster and is right in telecasting events of wide public involvement like the building of the Ram temple in Ayodhya. It has broadcast other religious events before. So this shouldn't be any different.

N Soundararajan, email

Secularism in India

After centuries of discord and litigation, the apex court accepted the evidence that a temple existed in the land before the Babri Masjid, and both parties accepted the verdict. So pulling the secular card and saying DD should not broadcast the *bhoomi poojan* is not correct. After all, it has broadcast prayers of other religions before, including Eid prayers.

B Kailash Shankar, T'puram

Chinese penetration

This is with reference to *Vande Bharat beats China, Covid* (Aug 2). The Galwan valley attack has been an eye-opener to Indians, as we had never fully realised how much economic penetration has been done by China. Successive governments never took stock of the amount of Chinese goods in our markets.

R Sridharan, Chennai

Focus on R&D

Every steel plant in our country uses refractories that are majorly sourced by China. Manufacturers of refractories and many other products source their raw materials mainly from China. We must research extensively to develop alternatives materials needed for manufacturing for the 'Vande Bharat' slogan to have meaning.

Arasu Shanmugam, Tiruchy

Renaming Sathankulam

This is with reference to *What's in the name of a place?* (Aug 1). Sathankulam in Thoothukudi district must be renamed as petitioned by local residents. It should be named Veera Marthanda Nallur once again, as it was called till the 17th century. Symbolically, the Tamil word *nallur* (good town) adds a measure of positivity to the town.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Humanity and religion

The report about a Muslim woman helping take care of the newborn twins of a hapless Hindu woman who tested positive for Covid-19 and was quarantined is laudable. Humanity is infallibly superior when compared to religious tenets. Dogmas often only lead to a feud among humans.

Cicily Thomas, Muvattupuzha

Contempt law outdated

Judges are also human and can make errors. It should not be wrong to point out these mistakes (*Validity of law on criminal contempt challenged in SC*, Aug 2). No purpose is served by trying contempt cases other than satisfying someone's ego. It is high time such outdated laws are removed, enabling judges to make better use of their time.

M Haneef, Kottayam

Accessible online classes

Schools and colleges have been closed for over two months due to the pandemic. Many schools are therefore organising online classes. But many students are unable to attend such classes due to poverty and network and electricity problems. The government should take steps to tackle the issues.

Vaibhav Rajesh, Koraput

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
India's democracy is damaged when GOI illegally detains political leaders. It's high time Mehbooba Mufti is released.

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
The Bihar government is playing a dangerous game of statistics in the coronavirus investigation.

Omar Abdullah @OmarAbdullah
BCCI/IPL governing council has decided to retain all sponsors including the big Chinese ones.

Women go shopping two days ahead of the 'bhoomi pujan' in Ayodhya. (Below) Man displays clothes for deities | EXPRESS

Wait to end as Ayodhya looks to a new chapter

Temple town is decked up to celebrate bhoomi pujan for Ram temple

NAMITA BAJPAI @Ayodhya

WHILE Ayodhya is decked up to celebrate bhoomi pujan for the Ram temple, the feeling of 'closure' of a long wait is an overbearing sentiment that transcends caste, class, social groups and even religions in this temple town.

"*Dhal chuki hai shama muskura le sanam, ek nayi subaha duniya mein aane ko hai...* (candle is about to melt, just smile my beloved as a new dawn is around the horizon)," says Mahant Virendra, summing up the mood for those yearning for all these years for the *mandir*.

After the Supreme Court pronounced its verdict, a trust was formed on February 5. *Bhoomi Pujan* was planned for Navratra in March-April. The pandemic then struck. But, now Ayodha is relieved that temple construction will finally begin two days from now.

"*Shubh ghadi bas apne dwar par hai. Ab prateeksha ke pal samapt hone ko hain. Bhavanayen mukhar ho rahi hain par shabd saath chhod rahe hain. Prasannata na keval Ayodhya ke har kan mein hai apitu usse sampurna rashtra aur samast vishwa ke Ram Bhakt anubhav kar rahe hain* (Auspicious moments are at doorstep. The wait is about to end. Emotions are high but words fail to express the feelings. Joy not only transcends Ayodhya but is being felt by all Ram devotees)," says Mahant Raju Das, head priest of Hanumangarhi temple.

Caught in a time warp, Ayodhya was immersed in seven decades of legal battle and three decades of political one-upmanship over the ownership of 2.77 acre of land. Now is the time for breaking away for both Hindus and Muslims. "We have buried the past. It is time to move ahead. We all want development. The temple will bring projects. Ayodhya needs them desperately," says Mohammad Ismail Ansari, a member of Babri Masjid Action Committee.

As the city dons a 'Pitambar' (ochre) hue, bhajans emanate from temples of the town. Ayodhya has over 40,000 temples. Murals adorn the walls narrating the life and time of Lord Ram. "It's going to be a Diwali before Diwali. Had Corona not been there, it would have been a double Diwali," says potter Ashok Kumar who is making 1 lakh *diyas* before August 4.

At Kanak Bhawan, as a group of women sing welcome songs in Awadhi, the fear of virus is thrown to the wind. "There may be corona. But it will not be able to do any harm to any of us. We are protected by the '*kavach*' (shield) of our Prabhu Ram," says Poonam Singh, leading the group singing *bhajans*.

"We are not sleeping a bit and still there is no fatigue. The zeal to translate our dream into reality has given us the strength," says Neeraj Singh, with a smile as he rushes out of the office of Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra Trust.

'Cities need to follow Dharavi model'

EVEN though the Covid fatality rate is as low as 0.09%, epidemiologist **Dr Giridhara R Babu** tells **Sumi Sukanya Dutta** that infection can be widespread in slum areas and that other cities need to prepare robust plans similar to containment efforts in Dharavi.

Epidemiologically, what do the government serosurvey findings from Mumbai and Delhi, released recently which showed overall seropositivity of about 40% in Mumbai and 23% in Delhi, signify?

To say that infectious disease is well contained, we need to be assured that a reasonable proportion of the population is immune (develop antibodies or other immune mechanisms against the disease-causing agent).

This is generally regarding vaccines. However, given that infection can be widespread in slum areas, other cities need to prepare robust plans similar to containment efforts in Dharavi.

Also, the infection fatality rate is low, ranging between 0.09% and 0.45% based on these surveys in India. However, all these estimates are subject to correction as wider and frequent surveys need to be done in India.

How far could these two cities be from herd immunity? Once the population in an area reaches this level-what significance does it have in the course of a pandemic?

A key determinant of herd immunity is R0 or R nought. When R0 is 2.5, the proportion of the susceptible population is given (1/ R0), which is 0.4, indicating that 40% of the people are still susceptible to get the infection.

In terms of Covid-19, it is not clearly known what the effective proportion of the population that needs to develop antibodies. For example, New York has a seroprevalence of 22.7%, London has 17.5% compared to 23-40% in Delhi and Mumbai.

Given the limited understanding of the disease, it is my personal opinion that herd immunity cannot be a recommended goal or method to review our progress against covid19. We have seen how few countries have faltered keeping herd immunity as a method to fight against the disease.

Things seem to be settling down for at least Mumbai, Delhi and even Chennai. Is it safe so say that the worst is over for these cities?

I am cautiously optimistic about these cities. Overall, it is a good thing: what was done in Dharavi is a great success. However, there are still problems, and the evidence about the disease is fast evolving, and we are all learning on the go.

Clearly, this is not a time to rejoice. There is some early evidence suggesting that even among those who have mild or no symptoms, the long-term sequelae in terms of myocardial inflammation or cardiovascular diseases. This needs to be evaluated in India.

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Sonia Gandhi discharged from hospital

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

CONGRESS president Sonia Gandhi, who was admitted to a private facility on July 30, was discharged on Sunday, hospital authorities said.

The Sir Ganga Ram Hospital (SGRH) had earlier said that she was admitted for "routine tests and investigations".

"Congress president Sonia Gandhi, who was admitted on July 30, 2020, evening at 7 pm, to the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, has been discharged today at 1 pm. Her condition at the time of discharge was stable," Dr D S Rana, Chairman (Board of Management), SGRH, was quoted as saying in a health bulletin.

On Friday, the SGRH bulletin said, "Her investigations are being carried out and she is showing satisfactory improvement."

The 73-year-old Congress patron was admitted to the hospital for routine tests and check-up on Thursday.

She was under the care of Dr Arup Kumar Basu, a chest and respiratory medicine specialist.

On Thursday, she had chaired a meeting of the party Rajya Sabha MPs which went on for more than three hours.

With agency inputs

Intl flyers: Covid -ve report a must on arrival

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

INTERNATIONAL travelers arriving in India may be exempted from going through mandatory institutional quarantine if they submit a negative RT-PCR report on arrival.

Health ministry issued guidelines for international travelers on Sunday which will come into effect from Agust 8, 2020.

In the guidelines the health ministry said, "Travelers may seek exemption from institutional quarantine by submitting a negative RTPCR test report on arrival. This test should have been conducted within 96 hours prior to undertaking the journey. The test report should be uploaded on the portal for consideration."

Each passenger shall also submit a declaration "with respect to authenticity of the report and will be liable for criminal prosecution, if found otherwise", it said, adding that the test report "could also be produced upon arrival at the point of entry airport in India".

Under the new guidelines all travelers "should submit self-declaration form" on the online portal (www.newdelhiairport.in) at least 72 hours before the scheduled travel.

"They should also give an undertaking on the portal that they would undergo mandatory quarantine for 14 days i.e. 7 days paid institutional quarantine at their own cost, followed by 7 days isolation at home with self-monitoring of health," the order said.

RAJASTHAN

Gehlot writes to PM, urges him to chair meet with CMs

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

RAJASTHAN chief minister Ashok Gehlot on Sunday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and urged him to hold a video conference with chief ministers regarding Covid-19 management in several states.

"The fight against the Covid-19 pandemic has reached a decisive phase. All states with their full strength and resources have tried to stop the spread of Covid-19. At the same time, financial support has also been provided to needy people, who have lost their means of livelihood during this epidemic," Gehlot wrote in the letter.

"In such a difficult and challenging time you had meaningful dialogue with the Chief Ministers of the states through video conferencing in the last few months, which is commendable. Along with the ideals of collaborative federalism, such dialogues help in exchange of knowledge, knowledge of better strategies being adopted in various states and establishing mutual coordination," he said.

Informing about the Rajasthan government's efforts he said, "I have been closely supervising the management of the Covid-19 epidemic in the state. Till June 17, the total samples collected for tests were 6.37 lakh, which has increased to 15.26 lakh as on August 1."

He said due to the state's efforts, the rate of infected people which was 2.12% as on June 17 has been limited to 2.79% as on August 1. The recovery rate of these infected people is 77.29% as on August 1 in the state.

PANEL SEEKS

More three months for framing rules of CAA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Citizenship Amendment Act may take another three months to actually come into effect as the Union Home ministry has sought an additional three months' time for framing rules of the CAA.

The ministry has made the plea before the Department Related Standing Committee for Subordinate Legislation as according to the Manual on Parliamentary Work, the rules for any legislation should be framed within six months of the presidential assent or an extension must be sought, officials said on Sunday.

The Manual on Parliamentary Work also states that in case the ministries/departments are not able to frame the rules within the prescribed period of six months, "they should seek extension of time from the Committee on Subordinate Legislation stating reasons for such extension" which cannot be more than for a period of three months at a time.

The controversial CAA, which facilitates granting of Indian citizenship to persecuted non-Muslim minorities of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, was passed by Parliament nearly eight months ago and had led to protests in different parts of the country.

The President had given his assent to the legislation on December 12, 2019.

The home ministry made the plea after the panel enquired about the status of the rules for the CAA.

New guidelines for drone operating system

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

AVIATION security regulator Bureau of Civil aviation security (BCAS) has issued guidelines for drone operating systems in the country. The rules talk about cyber security, storage facility, training and background check of staff for drone operating systems or remotely piloted aircraft systems.

A remotely piloted aircraft (RPA), its associated remote pilot station, its required command and control links and any other components constitute a remotely piloted aircraft system (RPAS).

It has asked to ensure that CCTV cameras are installed inside RPAS and the storage facility. "The capacity to retain recording of minimum 30 days shall be in place for all categories of RPAs except for mini and micro," said the guidelines.

An remotely piloted aircraft or drone is in nano or mini category if it has weight less than 250 grams. If its weight is between 250 grams and 2 kg, it is in the micro category.

"Ensure access control of RPAS and RPA storage area. As RPAS is similar in purpose and design to a cockpit, it is understood that it must likewise be secured from sabotaged or unlawful malicious interference," the guidelines said.

EXPRESS READ

'Had met Shah, going into self-isolation'

Kolkata: Union Minister Babul Supriyo has tweeted that he met with Home Minister Amit Shah, who has tested positive for corona, on Saturday. Supriyo said he is going into self-isolation away from family as advised by his doctors and also that he would follow all precautions.

NIA raids DU professor's house again

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE National Investigation Agency on Sunday carried out a search at the Noida residence of DU Professor Hany Babu, who was arrested five days ago in connection with the Bhima Koregaon Elgar Parishad Case.

On Sunday, the agency also alleged that Babu and co-accused Rona Wilson, of helping raise funds for banned outfit CPI (Maoist).

Babu was in contact with Paikhomba Meitei, Secretary Information & Publicity, Military Affairs, Kangkeipak Communist Party (MC), an organisation banned under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

"An interview of Ganapathy, General Secretary of CPI (Maoist) was shared by Paikhomba Meitei with the accused Hany Babu. Communications of Hany Babu with other Maoists of Manipur have also been retrieved. The investigation also revealed that after the release of CPI (Maoist) leader Pallath Govindankutty, Hany Babu M. T., along with co accused Rona Wilson, took the initiative to help him financially by raising funds," NIA said.

Babu, along with other accused persons — Rona Wilson, Anand Teltumbde, P Varavara Rao and Surendra Gadling formed a Committee for the release of GN Saibaba.

Coronavirus effect: Airlines fighting for survival

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IT'S not as if the crisis facing the aviation sector is not known. Except for state carrier Air India, which operated the Vande Bharat mission and evacuation flights, the rest were grounded for two months, hitting their balance sheets.

But even after domestic flight operations resumed on May 25, all airlines have been fighting to survive owing to record low demand. The fear of Covid-19 has driven away the fliers, which is reflected in low passenger load.

Spicejet had 94% occupancy in June 2019, this came down to 68% in the same month this year. Indigo's corresponding figures were 90% and 60% while Air Vistara's were 83% and 57%.

The low demand has bled airlines, forcing layoffs and salary cuts. The sector's meltdown was also hammered home last week when Indigo, the largest airline, declared its financial results for the quarter ending in June, showing a net loss of ₹2,844 crore.

The government is confident that the aviation sector will see a rebound sooner than later. Union civil aviation minister Hardeep Puri told reporters recently: "We are assuming that by the time Diwali comes this year, we would have 55-60 per cent of pre-Covid domestic flights operating in India." But airlines, rating agencies and experts don't share that optimism. They are unanimous that the sector faces severe headwinds and unless consumer confidence in flying is restored, reviving the industry is an uphill task.

"There have been estimations that predict the recovery of the aviation industry. We believe that it may take anywhere between 18 and 24 months to recover from the current situation," said an Indigo official. This newspaper sought the views of other airlines also but they did not respond.

Former Vayudoot CEO Harshvardhan said it would take four to five years to reach pre-Covid levels. "There are multiple challenges. The biggest problem is that traffic has dropped drastically, there is a fear among travelers. Then there are factors like quarantine rules of different states. I don't see any normalcy in the sector before 2024 or 2025."

Rating agency Crisil said the plunge in demand will badly impact the financials of airlines. Its latest report estimates that the aviation industry will see a revenue loss of ₹24,000–25,000 crore.

"Airlines will be the worst-affected, contributing more than 70% of the losses, or ₹17,000 crore, followed by airport operators with ₹5,000-5,500 crore and airport retailers, including retail, food and beverages and duty-free outlets with ₹1,700-1,800 crore," Crisil said. Another rating agency ICRA said in the last quarter of the current fiscal year, the industry was likely to report degrowth of 3-14% in domestic passenger traffic.

HIGHEST CASES

An analysis from the advent of the first case of Covid-19 in Uttarakhand on March 15 shows that this week has witnessed the highest number of deaths at 20. The week also saw the highest number of tests and recoveries

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Jaipur	36	26	Patna	35	28
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Chennai	37	29	Port Blair	29	24
Kolkata	34	28	Imphal	33	24
Srinagar	32	18	Chandigarh	36	27

COVID EFFECT

Pandemic pauses Punjab students' foreign dream

Every year, 1.5-2 lakh students from Punjab go abroad for studies

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

Punjab loses ₹ 27,000 crore every year

- About 1.5 lakh students from Punjab went to Canada for studies last year
- 20,000 Indians, mostly from Punjab, go for studies to the UK annually
- 35,000 Indians, mostly from Punjab, go for studies to Australia each year
- Each students pays around ₹15 to ₹22 lakh per year
- Approximately ₹27,000 crore go out of Punjab each year on account of student education

THE Covid-19 pandemic has put breaks on the flight of dreams of many students in Punjab to go abroad for higher education. While students are in a fix, this has come as an opportunity for the colleges and universities in the state to increase intake and also for the state government to prevent the drain of capital.

Every year, 1.5 to 2 lakh students from Punjab go to Canada, Australia, the UK and other countries. This year, admissions were put on hold in the wake of the global pandemic. While most institutes are not open yet, some are offering online classes. Canada recently announced Visa Approval in Principle that allows students to apply for online classes. The UK is granting students Post-Study Work Visa if they are unable to attend physical classes. However, the response has been lukewarm in Punjab so far.

Every year, around 50,000 students from Punjab used to head abroad between July and September. Foreign universities usually take admissions in the three sessions starting January, May or September. Students, already enrolled in courses abroad, are stuck as they cannot fly due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Paramjeet Singh, who has applied for Masters in Actuarial Sciences at Canada's University of Calgary, said: "I am working in India and have applied for the Master's course in Canada. I am in a dilemma to go this year or wait for next year as the course is very demanding. The course fees are high. Even if I attend online classes, I pay the same amount. So, postponing for a year seems like a better option."

"The consultant said I can pay the fee and my course will start online. But I do not want to study online, as I will have to pay the same Rs 8.5 lakh fee and will not be able to attend classes physically. If I do the same course from a university in India, I will have to pay about Rs 1.50 lakh. Why spend more if you do not get practical knowledge?" said Gurdeep Kaur, who had applied for a Master's course in Community Economic Development in Canada.

Shamsher Singh Sandhu, Managing Director of Canadian Migration Lawyers, said, "The students prefer to postpone their sessions because they want to attend physical classes. The reason is that their ultimate aim is to settle in that particular country."

He said the cost factor was also a reason why the students, who have got admissions, are not keen to postpone their study visas. "When they go abroad, they pay the tuition fees and have to bear living expenses as well. One has to pay ₹7-8 lakh as tuition fees for diploma courses in Canada and another ₹5-7 lakh as living expenses in the first year. For Australia, students have to shell out ₹12-15 lakh for the first year, and for a degree course in the UK, they spend around ₹17-18 lakh annually. The students are worried that if their papers are processed and they get their visas, then they have to pay their annual fees and will be able to only attend online classes."

The massive exodus of students from Punjab not only means loss of human resources but also revenues. An estimated ₹27,000 crore goes out of Punjab each year on account of student education.

While some are thinking of deferring their plans, many may shelve the idea of studying abroad in the wake of the uncertainty due to the Covid situation and other factors including restrictive policies. Educational institutions in the state hope to gain from the situation and increase their student intake by 25-30% this year.

Prof Navdeep Goyal, Member, Syndicate and Senate, and Chairman of Committee to Make Policy Decisions about Admissions in Panjab University, says, "Admissions in rural and semi-rural colleges will increase. Last year, 30% seats were vacant. We expect these will be filled this year."

Gurinder Singh, Secretary of Non-Government-Aided Colleges Management Federation, Punjab and Chandigarh expressed hope that parents will not send their children for studies abroad under the current circumstances.

Dr Mehal Singh, Principal of Khalsa College, Amritsar, said they are expecting a 25% rise in admissions this year. He, however, reckoned that the trend will not last long.

Covid claims UP's only woman minister

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

Police personnel, others pay tribute to UP minister Kamal Rani Varun in Kanpur | PTI

KAMAL Rani Varun, Minister for Technical Education in Uttar Pradesh Cabinet, lost the battle to Covid-19 on Sunday morning. She was 62. Varun, the only woman in the state Cabinet, was among the half dozen ministers who have tested positive for the virus so far.

The minister had tested positive for Covid-19 on July 18. She was admitted to Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Hospital and later shifted to Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS) as her condition deteriorated.

According to a statement by the hospital, she was admitted to SGPGIMS with symptoms like cough, fever and acute breathlessness. She had comorbid conditions like Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension and Hypothyroidism. She also had bilateral pneumonia.

Initially, the minister responded to the treatment and there was improvement in her clinical status. But, her condition started deteriorating again a few days later. She was given plasma therapy. She was put on mechanical ventilator on Saturday and breathed her last at 9:30 on Sunday morning.

Expressing grief over the death, CM Yogi Adityanath cancelled all his engagements and Ayodhya visit slated for Sunday.

UP BJP chief tests +ve

Swatantra Dev Singh, BJP's UP unit chief, has tested positive for Covid-19 and has quarantined himself at his home as per doctors' advice. "I had been experiencing initial symptoms of Covid-19 and underwent a test for it. I was found positive for COVID-19," Singh tweeted. He also requested his acquaintances who came in his contact recently to get themselves tested for the coronavirus infection.

Kamal Rani Varun was inducted in the council of ministers on August 21, 2019. She was the only woman minister in the Cabinet following Rita Bahuguna Joshi's resignation after getting elected to the Lok Sabha. She was elected to Lok Sabha in 1996 and 1998.

Mumbai police chief, home minister brief Uddhav on Sushant case probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mumbai/Patna

MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray met Home Minister Anil Deshmukh and Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh on Sunday to review the probe and take stock of various issues related to the Sushant Singh Rajput suicide case.

The development comes on a day when Bihar DGP Gupteshwar Pandey told the media that he would have no objection if Sushant's father demands a CBI probe in the matter. At the same time, Pandey asserted that the Bihar Police is no less competent than any other probe agency. Sushant, 34, was found hanging at his apartment in Mumbai on June 14. Both the Mumbai and the Bihar Police are investigating the case.

Later, Deshmukh said that the Mumbai Police has already started an investigation in the case. He said that the Bihar Police has registered the offence in Patna but as per the law and CrPC Section 12 and 13, a case is investigated where the offence is committed.

"I condemn the demand of handing over this Sushant Singh Rajput case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The case is now being politicised for political gain. Maharashtra and Mumbai police are competent to investigate this case. They are professionally handling the case. The police are leaving no stone unturned and the truth will be dug out by Mumbai Police," he said.

Pressure has been building in Bihar to hand over the case to the central probe agency. The police headquarters following the Bihar government's directive sent an IPS officer, Patna's City SP (Central) Vinay Tiwary, to Mumbai on Sunday to lead the investigation with four other cops.

EXPRESS READ

5 lakh job losses in Kashmir since Article 370 revocation

Srinagar: A year after abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir State into two Union Territories (UTs), the economy of the land-locked Valley has been crippled and the region has suffered whopping Rs 40,000 crore losses and witnessed about 5 lakh job losses. All business sectors have been badly hit since the tough lockdown imposed on August 5, 2019.

Shiv Sena transfers ₹ 1 crore for Ram Temple construction

Mumbai: The Shiv Sena has honoured its commitment by transferring ₹1 crore to the trust overseeing the construction of a Ram temple in Ayodhya, a senior party leader said on Sunday. The Sena's clarification came amidst reports quoting Mahant Nritya Gopal Das, chairman of the trust, as saying that no money was received from the Shiv Sena as promised, he said.

Dharavi's virus load down to 3 per cent in July

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

DHARAVI, Asia's largest slum situated in Mumbai, continued to do better in containing the Covid-19 virus. While Dharavi's share of Covid-19 cases was 23 per cent of the city at the start of July, it has came down to only three per cent by the end of the month.

According to the BMC, Dharavi has only 77 active Covid cases on July 31 against 535 on July 1. Dharavi has reported less than ten positive cases every day for the last 15 days.

Kiran Dighavkar, the assistant municipal commissioner, said that there are total 2,556 cumulative positive patients while 77 active patients in Dharavi area. "We were getting 500 cases every day at one time, now the scenario has changed. We are getting maximum ten patients while on some days, there are no new patients. This is a big relief for us and the city," said Dighavkar.

He said initially everyone thought that it was difficult to contain the virus in Dharavi because of its density and crammed rooms.

"With the help of the local people, NGOs and the BMC, we effectively implemented the 'chase the virus' model. We focused on the 4Ts – tracking, tracing, testing and treatment. The situation is now under control but we need to be more alert because this is a very deadly virus. In many international cities, there was the second wave. Therefore, we are putting all effort to contain the spread of the virus," he said.

He said that the effort of Dharavi has been appreciated by the WHO and Washington Post newspaper.

"Despite this picture of relief, we are conducting daily screen testing and isolating the suspected patients. The early detections and treatment is the key to fighting Covid-19. The delay in both detection and treatment can threaten the life to patients. Therefore, we are trying to provide oxygen to every bed," said Dighavkar.

WB govt hiding info on graft, says governor

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

BENGAL governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Sunday accused CM Mamata Banerjee's administration of hiding information related to political violence, cyclone Amphan corruption and outcome of Bengal's global business summit. In his three consecutive tweets, Dhankhar raised questions on the rule of law in Bengal and said opacity would breed scams.

Reacting to Dhankhar's allegations, TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee said the governor should know his limits. "He the face of the BJP in West Bengal and he keeps echoing the party's voice," Banerjee said. CPI(M)'s central committee member Sujan Chakrabarty said the issues mentioned by the governor in his tweets were raised in the state Assembly on several occasions.

Hooch tragedy: Toll touches 101 in Punjab, liquor link traced to Noida

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Relatives of a hooch tragedy victim get emotional in Tarn Taran on Sunday | PTI

THE death toll in the hooch tragedy in three districts of Punjab rose to 101. According to officials, 15 more people were declared dead because of the consumption of this spurious liquor on Sunday. So far, 78 deaths have been reported in Tarn Taran, 12 in Amritsar and 11 in Batala.

According to sources, police have identified the alleged kingpin of the illicit liquor racket as Gurpal Singh of Dhotian village in Tarn Taran. He is currently in Kapurthala jail but controls the illicit liquor supply in the area. As per initial investigations, he used to smuggle Extra Neutral Alcohol (ENA) from Noida in Uttar Pradesh and will be brought on production warrant for further investigations.

The spurious liquor was made of either methyl alcohol or denatured spirit. It was the same nexus that distributed this liquor in the three districts. This country-made liquor was so strong that it was considered harmful even after being diluted at least ten times. The suppliers were selling five bottles of this alleged spurious liquor for Rs 650 and one bottle for Rs 200.

Deputy Commissioner of Tarn Taran Kulwant Singh said, "The last rites of some of the victims were already performed without police being informed. Some had not come forward for post mortem."

Sources said that many families of the deceased were not coming forward to report the deaths due to social stigma.

MADHYA PRADESH

Molestation accused asked to 'get rakhi tied' for bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

IN a first of its kind judgment, a man accused of outraging a woman's modesty, was granted bail by the Madhya Pradesh High Court's Indore Bench on the condition that he visited the complainant and got Rakhi tied from her on Raksha Bandhan.

"The applicant along with his wife shall visit the house of the complainant with Rakhi thread/band on August 3, 2020 at 11 am with a box of sweets and request the complainant to tie the Rakhi band to him with the promise to protect her to the best of his ability for all times to come," Justice Rohit Arya said in its order on July 30.

"He shall also tender ₹11,000 to the complainant in a customary ritual usually offered by brothers to sisters on such occasions and shall also take her blessings. The applicant shall also tender ₹5,000 to the complainant's son for purchase of clothes and sweets," the HC judge mentioned in the order.

The order further mentioned that the applicant shall obtain photographs and receipts of payment made to the woman and her son.

The HC also asked the applicant to furnish a written undertaking with his complete residential details that he shall abide by the terms and conditions of various circulars and orders issued by the central government and the state government as well as the local administration from time to time in the matter of maintaining social distancing, physical distancing, hygiene, etc to avoid proliferation of the Covid-19.

Belur Math to remain closed

Belur Math, the global headquarters of the Ramakrishna Mission, will remain shut till a decision is taken to reopen the place in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. Senior monks met on Saturday and decided to keep the gates closed to devotees for now. Several senior monks said the steady rise in the number of Covid-19 patients in and around Belur had forced authorities to decide on the shutdown. Seven monks at the Math and five employees recently tested positive for Covid-19. All the infected persons were quarantined at the healthcare center run by the Math. The process of contact tracing has been initiated and restrictions have been imposed on residents.

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KOLKATA DIARY

IIEST Shibpur to conduct net connectivity survey

The Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIEST), Shibpur, will carry out a survey to find out if its students have net connectivity issues that could trigger a problem to attend online classes. The institute's Senate decided to start autumn semester online classes from August 24 and resolved to undertake the study. The university has worked out varied models which will be applied according to extent of the problem, said an official of the institute. A member of the Senate said the institute had created a central repository to supplement the online teaching-learning process. The repository has a section where course materials, including lecture notes, resources and assignments, will be uploaded by members of the faculty.

Airlines want SOP on foreign arrivals

Airlines want the West Bengal government to prepare a standard operating procedure (SOP) to ensure passengers arriving on evacuation flights from abroad go to a paid quarantine facility after landing in Kolkata. Airlines operators said such a procedure could lead to the restoration of evacuation flights to the state capital. The airline operators' committee at Kolkata airport said they would write to the state government this week. The committee will also communicate to the government that airlines are ready to take the responsibility that passengers boarding flights at an international airport have booked a paid quarantine facility in Kolkata.

West Bengal JEE results on Friday

The results of the West Bengal Joint Entrance Examination will be published on August 7, education minister Partha Chatterjee said. About 88,000 students had appeared for the exams for admissions to engineering colleges on February 2. The JEE board has advanced exams by two months so that colleges had more time to fill their seats. The board is likely to announce on Monday the sites where the results can be tracked. The schedule for online counselling is likely to be announced on the day of the result. The counselling session may be conducted in September.

10.5 mn

people have recovered from Covid-19 globally, as per the John Hopkins University's virus tracker

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	37	23	SNY	Los Angeles	28	17	SNY
Colombo	30	25	TDS	Melbourne	14	4	LC
Doha	42	33	SNY	Moscow	22	11	LC
Dubai	42	30	SNY	New York	32	22	LC
Houston	34	24	SNY	Singapore	32	27	LR
Istanbul	29	20	SNY	Toronto	25	19	TDS
London	22	12	LC	Washington DC	29	23	TDS

US in new phase after extraordinary virus spread: White House official

Covid-19 cases soar in other countries; S Africa's tally tops 5 lakh; Melbourne under curfew

MELBOURNE

WHITE House coronavirus task force leader Dr. Deborah Birx said Sunday that the virus had entered a "new phase" in the US as it has rapidly spread in rural and urban America.

"What we are seeing today is different from March and April. It is extraordinarily widespread," Birx told *CNN*'s "State of the Union" as she urged Americans to wear face masks and observe social distancing measures.

The US, the worst-hit country in the world, has now tallied more than 4.6 million cases and 154,319 deaths. In Florida, authorities were trying to prepare storm shelters while enforcing social distancing as Tropical Storm Isaias churned toward the heavily populated state. It was due to be near the coast late Sunday.

Australia's second-largest city Melbourne imposed an overnight curfew on Sunday to halt the spread of coronavirus cases, as South Africa's infection count topped more than half a million.

Six months after the World Health Organization declared a global emergency, the virus has killed more than 685,000 people and infected more than 17.8 million since it first emerged in China late last year.

Australia's Victoria state imposed fresh, sweeping restrictions on Sunday, including a curfew in Melbourne for the next six weeks, a ban on weddings, and schools and universities going back online in the coming days.

People walk past a mural warning about the dangers of the coronavirus and how to prevent transmission, with words in Swahili reading "We are the Cure", in Nairobi | AP

"Anything short of this will see it drag on for months and months and months," said Victoria leader Daniel Andrews.

Despite a lockdown, Melbourne has continued to report hundreds of new cases daily even as other states in Australia have reported zero or a small number of cases.

Many other parts of the world are struggling with much bigger outbreaks.

Health authorities in South Africa who had been expecting a surge in cases after the gradual loosening of a strict lockdown reported that infections had exceeded the 5,00,000-mark.

'Promising signs'

But President Cyril Ramaphosa said on Sunday he sees "promising signs" that the rapid growth of cases has stabilized and that the country's strained health system is managing to cope.

South Africa's hospitals have been stretched to the limit but in most provinces they are succeeding in providing treatment to Covid-19 patients, he said.

South Africa's case fatality rate – the number of deaths as a proportion of confirmed cases – is at 1.6%, significantly lower than the global average, Ramaphosa said in a letter to the nation. *Agencies*

WHERE ELSE IS THE PANDEMIC REBOUNDING

JAPAN

In Japan, the government reported 1,540 new cases, close to Friday's record of 1,579. The spike in infections, most of them in their 20s and 30s, prompted warnings young people were letting their guard down. Tokyo has about one-third of the new infections

HONG KONG

Hong Kong reported 125 new cases as authorities tried to find the source of its latest outbreak. The Chinese government said a team of seven virus testing experts was sent to the city to help

IRAN

Iran on Sunday reported its highest single-day infection count (2,685 cases) in nearly a month, warning that most of its provinces have been hit by a resurgence of the disease

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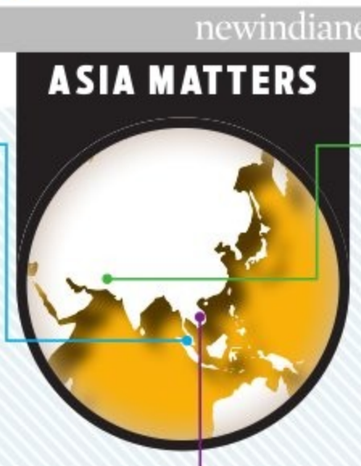
More than 2,00,000 people have died from coronavirus in Latin America and the Caribbean, with Brazil and Mexico accounting for nearly three-quarters of those deaths, as per an AFP tally

ASIA MATTERS



SINGAPORE

Hindu priest arrested over missing jewels

The chief priest of Singapore's oldest Hindu temple was arrested on charges of "criminal breach of trust", according to police. The Sri Mariamman Temple had lodged a police complaint after finding out that some gold ornaments, which were in the custody of the priest, had gone missing, the temple said in a statement on Saturday. During an audit, it was discovered that the gold ornaments were missing, the temple said, according to *Channel News Asia*. The temple did not mention the name of the chief priest in its statement. "Gold ornaments, which are frequently used for prayers, are kept under the custody of the chief priest in the inner sanctum of the temple.

THAILAND

1 dead, 4 missing after ferry sinks off Samui

A ferry sank off the Thai island of Koh Samui, leaving at least one person dead and four others missing, officials said Sunday. The ferry was carrying 12 crew members and four passengers when it sank in stormy conditions Saturday night after leaving Koh Samui's port, as per the the Surat Thani Public Affairs Department's Facebook page.

PAKISTAN

Pak-origin intel chief of ISIS' Afghan unit killed

Pakistan-origin intelligence head of terror group Islamic State's Khorasan unit has been killed by special forces near the eastern town of Jalalabad, according to the Afghan security agency.Zia-ur-Rehman known as Assadullah Orakzai was killed during an operation near Jalalabad, close to Pakistan border, the National Directorate of Security or NDS said in a statement on Saturday. Orakzai was the head of intelligence for Islamic State's Khorasan branch, which is active in South Asia and Central Asia.

EXPRESS READ

'Andrew lobbied to get better deal for Epstein'

UK's Prince Andrew lobbied the US government for a favourable plea deal for late American financier and sex offender Jeffrey Epstein in relation to the latter's 2008 underage prostitution cases, unsealed court documents have claimed. The documents are from a now-settled 2015 defamation lawsuit filed by Virginia Giuffre, who has has claimed that she was trafficked when she was 17 and was forced into sexual encounters with the Prince in London, New York and on a private Caribbean island owned by Epstein, the Metro newspaper reported on Saturday. The Prince has repeatedly denied the allegations.

Afghan ceasefire holds, 100s of prisoners freed

A ceasefire between the Taliban and Afghan government appeared to hold for the third and final day on Sunday, with hundreds of militant prisoners released in a bid to bring peace talks closer. Calm prevailed across much of Afghanistan, with officials not reporting any major clashes between the two foes since the truce began on Friday to mark the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha. President Ashraf Ghani and the Taliban have both indicated that long-delayed negotiations could begin straight after Eid. The rare respite from violence gave some Afghans the opportunity to safely visit relatives for Eid celebrations after long periods apart.

TikTok's US sale talks on hold, parent firm may prefer spinoff

SAN FRANCISCO

BYTEDANCE Ltd would prefer to spin off video-sharing app TikTok rather than sell it to Microsoft, the *South China Morning Post* reported on Sunday, citing an unnamed source familiar with the deal

Negotiations for Microsoft to buy the US operations of Chinese-owned TikTok are on hold after President Donald Trump threatened to bar the app and came out against the sale, the *Wall Street Journal* reported.

The *South China Morning Post* said that nearly everyone at ByteDance who are involved with the deal prefer a spinoff, but the company's founder Zhang Yiming remains unsure.

Trump has pledged to get tough on the massively popular video-sharing app, which US officials have said could be a tool for Chinese intelligence — a claim the firm, owned by Chinese internet giant ByteDance, has repeatedly denied. While there has been no sign yet of the ban he threatened on Friday to impose, his words were reportedly already adding to uncertainties for TikTok.

"Before Mr Trump's remarks, the two sides believed the broad strokes of a deal could be in place by Monday," the paper reported on a possible TikTok-Microsoft sale, citing unnamed sources.It also said Trump's threats and opposition to the deal had prompted TikTok to make further concessions, including adding up to 10,000 jobs

in the US over three years.

TikTok defended itself on Saturday, with its general manager for the US, Vanessa Pappas, telling users that the company was working to give them "the safest app," amid US concerns over data security. "We're not planning on going anywhere," Pappas said in a message.

TikTok, especially popular with young audiences who create and watch its short-form videos, has an estimated one billion users worldwide. It has grown even faster as the coronavirus pandemic has pushed people physically away from each other, but into close contact online. It has grown even faster as the coronavirus pandemic has pushed people physically away from each other, but into close contact online.

Earlier media reports had suggested Trump would require that the app's US operations be divested from ByteDance, but he instead announced a ban. Trump's announcement drew criticism from some in the tech sector, including former Facebook chief security officer Alex Stamos *AFP*

Republicans to bar media at convention, say reports

WASHINGTON

THE American Media will be barred from the Republican National Convention in North Carolina later this month, US news outlets reported, when US President Donald Trump will formally receive his party's nomination.

Soaring coronavirus cases have already forced Trump to cancel the part of the convention planned for Florida's Jacksonville in July.

"We are planning for all of the Charlotte activities to be closed press: Friday, August 21-Monday, 24th given the health restrictions and limitations in place in the state," the convention spokesperson had told the Arkansas Democrat Gazette.

The vote to formally nominate Trump will, however, be livestreamed, according to CNN, which cited a Republican official.

"This is an ill-advised decision that the @GOP @GOPconvention should reconsider," Zeke Miller, president of the White House Correspondents' Association, said Saturday. *AFP*

Netanyahu rails at Israel's media for protests against him

TEL AVIV

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday railed at swelling protests against his rule, saying they were egged on by a biased media that distorts facts and cheers on the demonstrators.

Netanyahu has faced a wave of protests in recent weeks, with demonstrators calling for the resignation of the long-serving leader, who is on trial for corruption charges. They've also panned his handling of the virus crisis. Netanyahu has painted the protests as dens of "anarchists" and "leftists" out to topple "a strong right-wing leader."

The protests have largely been peaceful. In some cases they have ended with clashes between demonstrators and police. In others, small gangs of Netanyahu supporters and individuals affiliated with far-right groups have assaulted demonstrators.

Protesters outside PM Benjamin Netanyahu's residence in Jerusalem on Sunday | AP

In a six-minute rant at a meeting of his Cabinet, Netanyahu slammed the media for "inflaming" the protests and for misrepresenting incidents of violence against the protesters. "There has never been such a distorted mobilization — I wanted to say Soviet but it has already reached North Korean terms — of the media in favor of the protests," he said.

Netanyahu said the media ignored "wild and unfettered incitement, including daily calls — including the day before yesterday — to murder the PM and his family."

He said the protests were breeding grounds for the virus that were being allowed to take place with no limits, shutting down streets and neighborhoods. He said right-wing protests have not been given such free rein.

He condemned violence "from all sides" at the start of his remarks before tearing into the media he has long viewed as hostile toward him.

Also at the Cabinet meeting, Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz, who is the country's "alternate" prime minister under a power-sharing deal, said the protests must be allowed to take place with demonstrators shielded from violence. *AP*

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of secured immovable asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act")

Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and Guarantors in particular that the under mentioned properties mortgaged to Magma Housing Finance Ltd. the possession of which had been taken by the respective Authorised Officer of the company under section 13 (4)/section 14 of the Act, will be sold through e-Auction as per the terms mentioned below for the realization of Company's dues/ outstanding with applicable interest, charges and costs etc.

The property described below is being sold on "**AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS**" under the Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the Rules):

1. NAME OF BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS 2. DEMAND NOTICE DATE 3. TOTAL DUES + INTEREST FROM	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY & NATURE OF PROPERTY	1. DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD) & DOCUMENTS 3. DATE AND TIME OF INSPECTION OF PROPERTY	1. RESERVE PRICE (IN LAKHS) 2. EMD AMOUNT (IN LAKHS)
1. EDVENTURE SOFTWARE PRIVATE LIMITED (BORROWER) THROGH ITS MD DEEPAK PADAMANUR RAO AND DIRECTOR MR. CHANDAN RAY Mr. DEEPAK PADAMANUR RAO (CO-BORRWER) Mr. CHANDAN RAY (CO-BORRWER) 2. **Notice date**: 03-02-2016 in loan proposal number HL/0113/H/13/100154 3. **Total Dues** : Rs. 1,90,89,960/- (Rs. One Crore Ninety Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Only) payable as on 01/02/2016 along with future interest @ 12.50% per annum with interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of house bearing 325/A, in layout formed by M/s Ideal Homes Co-operative Building Society Limited known as Ideal Homes Project township situated at Kenchanahalli village, Bangalore south taluk presently bearing no. BBMPKatha no. 498/325/A/ 488/441 current ward no./PDI no.160-W-0324-22, in sector-B, 18th cross, Ideal Homes Township, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098 (Karnataka) Area measuring east to west 50 ft and north to south 64 ft.+61 ft. /2 admeasuring 3125 sft with a RCC roof house there upon and Bounded by as follows: East by: site no. 324B, West by: site no. 325B, North by: 325D, South by: 18th Cross Road.	1. Date & Time of E-Auction: 27.08.2020 (11.00 am to 2.00 pm) 2. Last Date of Submission of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Documents: 25.08.2020 before 5 PM 3. Date and time of Inspection of Property: 24.08.2020 (11.00 am to 4.00 pm)	1. Reserve Price (In lakhs): Rs.1,85,00,000/- (One Crore Eighty Five Lakhs Only) 2. EMD Amount (In lakhs): Rs. 18,50,000/- (Eighteen Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)

The intending bidders are advised to visit the Branch and/or the properties put up on Auction, and obtain necessary information regarding charges, encumbrances. The purchaser shall make his/her/their own enquiry and ascertain the additional charges, encumbrances and any third party interests and satisfy himself/herself/itself in all aspects thereto. All statutory dues like property taxes, electricity dues and any other dues, if any, attached to the property should be ascertained and paid by the successful bidder(s)/prospective purchaser(s). The bidder(s)/prospective purchaser(s) are requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself/herself/itself with regard to the above and the other relevant details pertaining to the above mentioned property/Properties, before submitting the EMD/bids.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE:

1. The auction /sale will be Online e-auction / Bidding through website **https://123done.in** on the date as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 minutes (if the bid is received in last 5 Minutes).
2. The interested bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, which is mandatory for e-bidding, from auction service provider Augeo Asset Management Pvt. Ltd, 8th Floor, Ithum Tower A, Plot No. 40, NOIDA (U.P), Contact Person. Mr. Durai Murugan, Cell no. +91 9841638849. Emai id:- duraimurugan.s@123done.in, please note that, Prospective bidders may avail online training on e-auction from them only. The intending purchaser/bidder is required to submit amount of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of NEFT/RTGS in the account of "Magma Housing Finance Ltd", Bank- State Bank of India. Account No- 32903006646 and IFSC Code- SBIN0007502, Branch- Commercial Branch, 24, Park Street, Kolkata-700016, Branch code- **007502**. drawn on any nationalized or scheduled Bank on or before 25/08/2020 and register their name at https://123done.in and get user ID and password free of cost and get training on e-Auction from the service provider. After their Registration on the web-site, the intending purchaser/bidder is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded, e-mail and sent self-attested hard copy to (respective Manager Magma Housing Finance Ltd.) **Mr. Eshwarappa H K, Magma Housing Finance Limited, #36, J C Road, Minerva Circle, Bangalore – 560002, Karnataka. Mobile No. 8880955556. E-mail ID: eshwarappa.k@magmahfc.co.in.** 1. Copy of the NEFT/RTGS challan/poof; 2. Copy of PAN card 3. Copy of proof of address (Passport, Driving License, Voter's I-Card Ration Card, Electricity Bill, Telephone Bill, Registered Leave License Agreement 4. Copy of Aadhar Card, 5. In case of Company or partnership firm letter of authorization and copy of partnership deed/registration certificate, 6. Copy of Cancelled Cheque of Intending Bidder's Bank Account for the purpose of refund of EMD on before or by the last date of submission of the EMD(s) as mentioned in the table above.
3. Online E-auction participation is mandatory in the auction process by making application in prescribed format which is available along-with the offer/tender document on the website of service provider. Bidders are advised to go through the website **https://123done.in** for detailed terms & conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction sale proceedings. Online bidding will take place at web-site of service provider as mentioned hereinabove, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the tender/e-auction document. The Tender Document and detailed Terms & Conditions for the Auction may be downloaded from the website **https://123done.in** or the same may also be collected from the above mentioned Branch office of Magma Housing Finance Limited. A copy of the Bid form (duly signed) along with the enclosure submitted online (also mentioning UTR Number) may also be handed over to the mentioned Authorized officer at given address on or before date & time mentioned above.
4. For further details and queries, contact Authorized officer Magma Housing Finance Ltd, name **Mr. Eshwarappa H K. Mobile no. 8880955556.**
5. Due Care has been taken to include adequate particulars of Secured Assets in the Schedule hereinabove. The Authorized Officer shall not be answerable/responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
6. The Secured Asset shall be sold above the Reserve Price only. Auction shall commence at one increment above the Reserve Price and bidders shall be free to bid among themselves by improving their offer with minimum incremental amount Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) each.
7. Only those bidders holding valid user ID and Password and confirmed payment of EMD through NEFT /RTGS & uploaded/deposited requisite documents well within prescribed time, shall only be permitted to participate in the on line e-auction. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids at any time without assigning any reason. Further, the Authorized Officer reserves the right to postpone or cancel or adjourn or discontinue the e-Auction or vary the terms of the e-Auction at any time before conclusion of the e-Auction process, without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.
8. The sale shall be confirmed in favour of the purchaser /bidder who has offered the highest sale price in his/her/their bid/ tender/ offer to the Authorized officer, however, the same shall be subject to confirmation by the secured creditor only.
9. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained/adjusted towards part sale consideration. The EMD shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of sale price, adjusting the EMD already paid, on the same day or not later than next working day, upon the acceptance of bid price by the Authorized officer. In case of failure to deposit the said amount as stipulated, the amount so deposited so far (in form of EMD or otherwise) shall be forfeited by the Company and the Authorized Officer shall be free to sell the properties once again.
10. Mere deposit of 25% of the Sale Price shall not entitle the successful bidder to get the sale confirmed in his/her/their favour. Sale shall be subject to confirmation by the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor.
11. After depositing of 25% of the sale price as per above terms, the balance 75% of sale price shall be paid on or before 15th day from the date of bidding or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing by and solely at the discretion of the Secured Creditor of the Company. In case of default in payment by the successful bidder as mentioned hereinabove, the amount already deposited by the bidder shall liable to be forfeited and property shall be put to re- auction and defaulting bidder shall have no claims/rights in respect of property and/or amount in any manner.
12. If the dues of the Company together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by them or part thereof as may be acceptable to the Magma Housing Finance Limited are tendered by/on behalf of the Borrowers and/or Guarantors, at any time before the date of e- Auction, the sale of asset may be cancelled.
13. All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser only. As per Income Tax Rules TDS @ 1% of auction price is payable by the successful auction purchaser, if the purchase price is more than Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only).
14. The Sale Certificate shall be issued in the same name in which the Bid is submitted.
15. The Authorized Officer or secured creditor i.e the Magma Housing Finance Limited shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the government and/or third party claims etc. in respect of property/ies being E-Auctioned. The intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities arrears of property tax, electricity dues /charges/lien etc. such liabilities /encumbrances shall be borne by the Purchaser/s only.
16. The bidders should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The Magma Housing Finance Limited /Authorized Officer / Service Provide shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-Auction.
17. The EMD of the unsuccessful bidders shall be returned within the 15 working days on the closure of the e-auction/sale proceedings without any interest thereon. The said bidders shall not raise any claim whatsoever in nature in this regard.
18. The Offers/bids that are not duly filled up or not accompanied by the EMD and/or required documents or Offers received after the date & time prescribed hereinabove or as mentioned in the auction sale notice, shall not be considered/treated as valid offer/bid, and accordingly shall be summarily rejected and the said applicant/ bidder shall have no claim whatsoever against the Magma Housing Finance Limited or against the Authorized officer in this regard.
19. The Authorized officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any reasons thereof. No Claim can be made against the Company or the Authorized Officer with respect to such a decision.
20. The intending bidder(s) out of his/her/their own free will, volition and discretion is/are participating in the e-Auction proceeding without any undue influence from any of the officials of the Magma Housing Finance Limited and is/are fully aware about the consequences of such e- Auction. The intending bidder shall have no recourse against the Magma Housing Finance Limited or the Authorized Officer in this regard and shall not be entitled for any refund of the deposited amount except hereinabove expressly provided or regarding interest on the said amount.
21. In case the date of deposit of EMD & e- Auction date is declared holiday then the date shall be automatically extended to very next working day.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

22. The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) are hereby notified to pay the sum mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e- Auction, failing which the Secured Asset/Property shall be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, shall be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 03/08/2020 — **Authorized Officer**
Place: BANGALORE — **For MAGMA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**

60% decline in liquor sales were recorded during the months of May and June in states which levied special Covid-19 tariffs on alcohol

Next tranche of Sovereign Gold Bond opens today, issue price set at ₹5,334

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

THE fifth tranche of the Sovereign Gold Bond scheme for the current financial year will open for subscription on Monday (August 3) and close on August 7, according to the relevant notification from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). While the gold bond scheme has seen relative success in attracting investments so far, the current surge in gold prices may force many investors away this time around.

According to the notification from the central bank, the issue price of the gold bond will be ₹5,284 per gram for online subscribers, coming on the back of a nearly 40 per cent surge in gold prices till date this year. The Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2020-21-Series V will be denominated in multiples of grams of gold with the basic unit being one gram.

Eight-year tenor, exit option after fifth year

The terms of the bonds set the tenor at eight years with an exit option after the fifth year. The bonds will be sold through banks, designated Post Offices, SHCIL and the stock exchanges either directly or through agents

Sovereign gold bonds are issued by RBI on behalf of the Government of India and these bonds are government securities denominated in grams of gold. These bonds act as an alternative to actual buying of physical gold. In April this year, the RBI had announced that Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) for the fiscal year will be issued in six tranches beginning April 20 till September.

The next tranche (Series VI) will open for subscription on August 31, 2020 and close on September 4. The terms set the tenor at eight years with an exit option after the fifth year. The bonds will be sold through banks, designated Post Offices, Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd. (SHCIL) and the stock exchanges either directly or through their agents.

The redemption price will be based on the then prevailing gold rates—an average of the closing price of 999 purity gold for the previous three business days, published by the India Bullion and Jewelers Association Limited.

MONEY-WISE

Stop searching for the proverbial magic pill

TODAY if you tell anybody anything, they can (and do) check about its correctness on Google. Good show.

However, using the Internet to do research on what you should eat, how much, at what time, is not something that you can learn online. You need to experiment, speak to your parents (if you are under 18 especially), do some small-time experiment, and then come to a conclusion. Picking and choosing what to eat and when may not be the greatest way to improve your health, and run a marathon!

So, people jump from one fad to the next; one week they're avoiding gluten, next month they are using a Keto diet, a month later it's dairy, then it is Rutuja Divekar, and then a Dixit diet. After all, when an Indian diet is available, why follow the GM diet?! If you dare raise the possibility that eating and feeling well is more about boring old balance-focusing mainly on whole, plant-based foods, well I would be relegated to the end of the room! Who wants to hear that "Grandma was right after all" even if it is there for everyone to see. They'd rather keep searching for the magic proverbial red pill. Unfortunately, the science of dieting is only about 20 years old - even today an MBBS degree or a specialisation in dieting is not available. However, a professional could help you - but please wear your common-sense hat.

Such behavior among "investors" is also visible. When I say investors - I just mean a person who deals in shares. Most of these people are short term traders who would like to believe that they are investors. They are looking for quick-fix solutions in food, diet and now in investing. Sadly, the proverbial red pill does not exist - in diets or in investing.

Sadly, not well-qualified people or just plain greedy people create letters, investment short cuts, posts - for a fee of course and tell them how they can create wealth. Something like a fat trainer making you do a workout! Of course, technically speaking it is possible, but it is very difficult to accept that this will work. I would like to work with a fit fitness trainer, not just a trainer who has got a "certificate" to teach. I want to see a "see it works" here.

It is difficult to give advice to such people - they are more like addicts. I met a friend after a very long time - and he had a decent portfolio. He now wanted to add one more mid-cap fund (he already had two) and wanted to know "will it work". Basically, his IFA was telling him "if you increase your exposure to mid-cap you will achieve your goals more easily".

I saw it as a case of not investing enough. I asked him to shift some of his money in bank fixed deposit to liquid fund, and short bond fund. He wanted to know if that would help. I said "No. Increase your sip in an index fund by ₹25,000 a month". He could afford it, and I am still wondering why his IFA had not suggested such a simple step. Or my friend listened to me, but did not listen to his IFA!

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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EXPRESS READ

Rothschild bullish on India, eyes new deals

New Delhi: Global investment bank Rothschild & Co is bullish on India since it's already working on a pipeline of deals worth billions of dollars. According to Aalok Shah, MD, Rothschild & Co in India, the bank had a reasonably good first half with three large deals—$490-million Piramal-Carlyle deal, $900-million Edelwiess-Engie deal, and TVS' buyout of British bike company Norton Motorcycles.

Supportive framework needed for telcos: COAI

New Delhi: Telecom industry body COAI expects supportive policy framework and ecosystem to being in new technologies in India as it looks towards journey for the next 25 years in the country, newly-appointed Director General S P Kochhar said, reported PTI. "5G is the next generation of mobile networks, as we expect a supportive policy framework and ecosystem to bring in the new technology," he said.

Tata AIA Life to settle claims within 4 hours

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

PRIVATE insurance company Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA Life) has announced the launch of Express Claims, which the company says will process life insurance claim payouts within four hours of registering the claim.

This, according to the company, is the fastest claims pay-out offered in the market currently, and company representatives say that claims services will be offered at the doorstep. Assistance in the form of claims-related documents and nominee-related documents will also be provided at home to avoid the need to visit any branch office.

Yusuf Pachmariwala, Executive Vice President and Head of Operations, said, "The very reason why people purchase a life insurance policy is to financially secure their loved ones in case of policyholder's death. It is therefore imperative that the claim be settled soonest as possible. This service will be a huge support to the families in their hour of need."

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹364.1

Target Price ₹395

MARICO

It has a more resilient portfolio than peers to withstand the COVID-19-led decline in FY21. This is possible on account of recovery seen in Parachute volume seven prior to the outbreak, strong growth in Saffola, and a better outlook for the overseas biz.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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WHERE WILL THE NEW JOBS COME FROM?

Sectors like Agriculture, Power, IT, Start-ups, Infra and Logistics may be the new drivers of the economy

₹1.39L cr is the level to which private investment into the agriculture sector is expected to increase to by the year 2022-23, from just ₹61,000 crore in 2015-16

11.8% rise has been recorded in the share of renewable energy production in India's total power generation capacity as of March 2020, against March 2015

AMIT BANDRE

RAJAS KELKAR

THE global pandemic refuses to subside. India's economy is crawling towards normalcy. Nobody knows what lies ahead. Job security is on top of the list for everyone who is working and who is looking for work. All of that has a lot of influence on your finances. A more straightforward way to look at the big picture is to read the commentary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). However, a lot of times, you need to know the fine print. RBI governor Shaktikanta Das addressed members of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) last week. He highlighted five dynamic shifts in the Indian economy that could create new jobs.

Agriculture

The next wave of job creation could come from the agriculture sector. The total private investment in agriculture is expected to jump to ₹139,424 crore by 2022-23 from ₹61,000 crore in 2015-16. The RBI governor cited the committee on the doubling of farmer income for the data. The government has made some enabling changes in laws to encourage private participation. He explained that India's foodgrains production is at a record high of 296 million tonnes with buffer stocks of cereals at 2.2 times the past average. That means there is adequate food for all in the country. It also means India's rural economy may make a robust contribution to overall growth. It may just surprise on the upside even in 2020-21 and save India from the blushes of economic contraction.

Energy production

India is now a power surplus country. It is generating more power than before and exporting surplus power to neighbouring countries. Renewable energy now has a 23.4 per cent share in overall energy production as of March 2020. That is a jump from 11.8 per cent at the end of March 2015, the RBI governor explained. That is an opportunity to cut coal import bill and generate local jobs for new skills in the energy sector. His one statement though highlights the efficiency in the industry. "Closing the gap between the average cost of supply (ACS) and average revenue realised (ARR) will require speedier/accelerated DISCOM reforms (including privatisation and competition)," he said. Power distribution is a state subject. There is a lot of politics as state governments provide subsidy to farmers and other groups within. Many state electricity boards are reeling in losses that are effectively borne by the taxpayer. That is perhaps a significant hurdle in job creation in the energy sector.

IT and start-ups

With $16bn invested in startups in 2019, they could further create jobs going forward. However, the RBI governor highlights challenges in the aftermath of COVID19 for startups. Risk aversion among investors does not help. However, Das said that a global technological churn was underway. Money was moving out of hardware and software systems and put in digital technologies and analytical capabilities. "Fierce competition from other developing economies with the potential to provide cost-effective IT services is rapidly emerging as a challenge to India's position as the leading outsourcing hub of the world," he said. There are other issues like immigration policy in the US, data security and privacy policy that are influencing new businesses in the sector.

Global value chains

So far, India's ranking in the global supply value chains was lower than in other countries in South East Asia. With the pandemic, there are opportunities for Indian businesses to participate in the worldwide supply chain mechanism. He suggests greater participation in global trade relations to allow foreign companies to include India among locations for factories. A World Bank study indicates that every 1 per cent increase in participation in global value chains enhances per capita income by more than 1 per cent.

Infrastructure

Despite rapid construction of metro rail, roads and other physical infrastructure, there are gaps. New ideas to connect the East to the West and the North to the South with expressways and high-speed rail corridors could have a force multiplier effect. According to the Niti Ayog, India would need $ 4.5 trillion or (₹350 lakh crore) up to 2030 to finance all infrastructure needs. Any progress on the ground to boost infrastructure could create new job opportunities.

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

Has the loan moratorium helped the salaried?

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

WHEN the lockdown began, Kanika (name changed), a media professional, faced both salary cuts and delayed wage payments. She applied for a moratorium on her ongoing auto loan at Kotak Mahindra Bank. The bank granted the moratorium for the months of April and May, to her relief, but did not do so from June. To her horror, she started receiving calls from recovery agents and requests to extend the relief were turned down.

Not just that, the bank also levied a penalty. Banks charge a fee on borrowers if they miss paying their EMIs on time. However, they are not allowed to levy these charges from borrowers whose EMI moratorium request has been approved.

In view of the pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns imposed, the RBI had permitted lending institutions to extend a moratorium on term loan installments from March to May, extended by another three months to August 31, 2020 later.

However experts argue that this moratorium, while give temporary relief, does not prevent the interest component of the EMI from getting added to the principal outstanding of the loan during the relief period. This will result in an increase in EMI in the future and should be avoided, unless there isn't a choice, they add.

"Bank said it is their discretion if they give a moratorium or not. There were harassment calls. I had no other option but to finally withdraw from my Fixed Deposit," Kanika said.

While the government announced the moratorium, lenders are still using their discretion on which borrowers to extend it to, claiming that the fear of default is higher under the circumstances. "Mostly, we check the risk profile and, on the basis of that, moratorium is granted. There is a reluctance to give loans, especially to those in more vulnerable sectors," a senior banker from ICICI Bank said.

There is a provision to approach the RBI ombudsman, but petitioners are asked to approach the bank with a complaint first and wait for 40 days for the bank to sort the matter out. One of the reasons for such disparity in extending the moratorium is because there is no clear guideline on what one can do if a bank refuses to grant or extend the moratorium.

GOING GLOBAL

Better returns, lower risk lure Indian investors overseas

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY @New Delhi

PRADEEP Malhotra, 56, a top corporate executive with a tech company, wakes up everyday to switch on his computer and pore over stocks listed on the Nasdaq. While most of his friends and fellow colleagues dabble in stocks in the NSE or BSE, Pradeep decided some two years ago to "diversify geographically" and add stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange to his portfolio.

"Everyday I would read about Facebook, Apple, Amazon and Google, so one day I decided I would start buying them. The move has been profitable," Malhotra says. "I have also cut down on my country risk. If anything happens to the Indian economy, some of my investments abroad will still stay ring fenced."

There is a growing trend of Indians investing in stocks abroad, taking advantage of the Reserve Bank of India's Liberalised Remittance Scheme which allows an individual to spend up to $250,000 a year abroad for a variety of reasons, including investments in securities. Amit Banerjee, an independent merchant banker specialising in East Asian funds, says there has been "rising interest among Indian investors in foreign stocks since the LRS scheme was notified."

Investors are winging their way abroad not only to reduce country risk, but also because they find returns on the NYSE, London Stock Exchange or even the Hong Kong stock exchange better.

With the rupee declining against the dollar, currency risks are also favourable. In dollar terms, returns for a ten-year period on S&P BSE Dollex is 6.8 per cent, while that of the NYSE S&P 500 is 13.6 per cent. Despite the pandemic, the NYSE Nasdaq index and London's FTSE 100 have been doing well. While Nasdaq which was 6,860.67 on March 23, 2020, rose by nearly half to 10,745.28 by July 31; the FTSE 100 rose from 4,993.89 on March 31 to 5,897.76 as on July 31.

While some investors who are adventurous enough and feel confident play directly, others prefer to invest through mutual funds. To play directly, investors usually use big brokerages in India who have tie-ups with foreign brokers and place investments on behalf of their clients. Investors place their money in a global fund, whose managers in turn manage the Indian investors' money along with others.

Any capital gains made within a two-year holding period are treated as short-term gains, while gains beyond a two-year holding are considered long-term and taxed at 20 per cent with indexation benefits.

Kyrgios pulls out of US Open

An emotional Nick Kyrgios pulled out of the US Open on Sunday, for "the hundreds of thousands of Americans who have lost their lives", while pleading with players who attend to not be selfish and act responsibly. "Dear Tennis, I will not be playing this year at the US Open. It hurts me at my core," Kyrgios, who has consistently called out fellow competitors for not taking the virus seriously enough, said in a video posted on Twitter.

NSFs in trouble as Mehra seeks derecognition

This is the longest period for which 57 National Sports Federations have remained derecognised by the sports ministry following a Delhi High Court order. And going by what's brewing, this seems far from over. According to sports lawyer Rahul Mehra's reply to a sports ministry application, the federations might be headed for more trouble.

In his reply, Mehra said that none of the NSFs comply with National Sports Development Code of India, 2011, in letter and spirit, and thus no one should be recognised. He also sought more transparency in granting recognition to the NSFs according to the sports code. The next hearing is on August 7. In his affidavit, Mehra also requested the court to direct the sports ministry "to not grant recognition or annual recognition to any NSF until they are compliant with the Sports Code in its letter and spirit".

In fact, Mehra's reply went into the details of each and every federation and highlighted where they erred in following the sports code. He requested that the sports ministry be directed to disclose all complaints and pending representations alleging mismanagement against any NSF including the IOA as well as action taken by the ministry. The affidavit also points out that if the process of granting annual recognition begins by December 15 and ends in January, then it would not be following a February 2020 order. There are various other issues and objections raised in the affidavit.

Interestingly, the sports ministry through an application dated July 28 had requested the court to delete its name from a February 7, 2020 order that says: "The Court further directs that both the IOA and MYAS will hereafter while seeking to take any decision in relation to the NSFs inform the court in advance". The ministry says this has disabled the ministry from discharging its executive powers and functions as entrusted by the Constitution of India. It also said decisions regarding all matters "related to the NSFs and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) falls under the executive power of Respondent No 1".

The NSFs have somehow managed to steer clear of trouble because of the Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions since the withdrawal of recognition. As signs of re-opening emerge, they are getting visibly worried. Though the sports ministry through Sports Authority of India has started conducting camps, in the long run this would face problems, especially when athletes need to go abroad for training and competition. Most of these are sanctioned in consultation with the NSFs. The yearly recognition makes them eligible for government grants for national competitions, training and exposure trips. With international events lined up, this might turn into an impediment if not resolved early. Some federations are planning to host nationals from September itself. If stalemate continues, it might jeopardise their plans.

Also, as of now, no player is affected. It needs to be seen how players would react once competitions start in India and abroad. The provisional extension was given until September 30 and the date is less than two months away.

IPL games from 7.30pm, 24 per squad

Chinese smartphone makers remain title sponsor, Women's T20 Challenge to be conducted in the UAE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

THE IPL Governing Council held a meeting on Sunday and came up with important announcements. Matches will begin at 7.30pm IST and the tournament will be held from September 19 to November 10. As expected, officials decided against making changes in sponsorship deals, which means Chinese smartphone maker Vivo stays title sponsor.

There will be 10 double-headers. On those days, the first match will begin at 3.30pm IST. It was decided that each franchise will be allowed to name 24 players in the squad. The maximum strength of travelling contingents to UAE shall not exceed 35. Presumably, this decision was taken to make sure there is no overcrowding. The teams are expected to start training camps in UAE in the second half of August.

In an important announcement, the Governing Council said it is still waiting for government permission to stage the event in UAE. "Matches will be played in Dubai, Sharjah and Abu Dhabi subject to necessary clearances from the Government of India," said a media statement signed by BCCI secretary Jay Shah.

Although the franchises were waiting for standard operative procedures (SOP) for travel, stay, training and other things, nothing was announced. It was learnt these are finalised and will be given to the teams soon. "A meeting with the franchises will be called shortly," said Shah's statement. It was decided that the teams will be allowed Covid substitutes, like in the England-West Indies Test series, where none were required.

The GC which has Brijesh Patel as chairman said work on SOP is in progress. "The Governing Council also discussed the comprehensive SOPs, which will be finalised and published in due course, including the agencies to execute and deliver a bio-secure environment," said a statement.

This is excellent news. Our ODI World Cup campaign to finally kick start. A big thank you to @SGanguly99 @BCCI @JayShah
Mithali Raj, India women's ODI captain

Glad to know that @BCCI & Dada have taken such important decisions for the development & upliftment of women's cricket. Can't wait to get back on the field. Can't wait to get back on the field
Jhulan Goswami, India pacer

"Good news! Thank you @SGanguly99 and the BCCI."
Poonam Yadav, India spinner

Women's T20 Challenge

BCCI president Sourav Ganguly's announcement on the Women's T20 Challenge to be held during the IPL in UAE drew mixed reactions from around the globe. Some women's cricketers in Australia criticised it, while Indians welcomed the move. The Women's T20 Challenge featuring three teams and four matches will be played during the IPL playoff week. The dates clash with the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) in Australia, which is scheduled from October 17 to November 29. Because of the WBBL's lucrative contracts, top women's players will obviously skip the T20 Challenge, making it almost an all-Indian affair. Plus, Indians contracted by WBBL have to skip the event.

Australia's Alyssa Healy, in a series of tweets, criticised the BCCI's decision. "So during the WBBL.... cool," she said sarcastically. "The IPL doesn't need the marquee players. It's already large. The women's format however does. The WBBL and BBL don't run simultaneously so why do the IPL and WIPL have to?"

Smriti Mandhana, Harmanpreet Kaur, Shafali Verma, Jemimah Rodrigues, who were in line to feature in WBBL, did not react. Jhulan Goswami, Mithali Raj and Poonam Yadav (welcomed the decision.

MAN BEHIND SUCCESS

Mikel Arteta enhanced his reputation as one of England's brightest young managers with another tactical masterclass. Having outwitted his mentor Pep Guardiola in the semis while facing Man City, Arteta showed his acumen again to leave Chelsea boss Frank Lampard out of answers.

INJURIES & RED CARD

Chelsea were controversially reduced to 10 men when Mateo Kovacic was shown a second yellow. They finished with nine when Pedro was forced off with a shoulder injury. The Blues had suffered big blows either side of half-time. Azpilicueta and Pulisic pulled up with hamstring injuries that will rule them out of the Champions League tie next weekend.

Winning this competition is part of our history. It's 14 now, I contributed, we all did it, so I am so happy.
Mikel Arteta, Arsenal manager

Captain delivers FA Cup of hope

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang inspired Arsenal to a record 14th FA Cup win as the skipper struck twice to beat Chelsea 2-1 in the final at an empty Wembley Stadium on Saturday. Here's a look into the details...

1 Mikel Arteta first person to win FA Cup with Arsenal as captain and manager.

14 14 Arsenal won the FA Cup for the 14th time — the most for any team.

We started well for 10 or 15 minutes, scored a goal and had other chances.
Frank Lampard, Chelsea manager

WILL AUBAMEYANG STAY?

Arteta hopes Aubameyang, who only has a year left on his contract at the Emirates, will stay on to lead the Gunners to more success. The Gabon international's double took his tally for the season to 29 and ensured the Gunners will not miss out on European football next season as they qualified for Europa League.

BLUES FADE OUT

Christian Pulisic had given Chelsea a dream start, but the Blues lost the plot gradually after Aubameyang was brought down by Cesar Azpilicueta inside the area and converted the resulting penalty. The teams went to half-time at 1-1. A brilliant finish from Aubameyang 23 minutes from time sealed the outcome of the match.

Global updates

English county season starts

LONDON: Middlesex's Nick Gubbins made 150 not out away to arch-rivals Surrey as the delayed English county season got underway on Saturday. In a season cut short by the coronavirus, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) decided it would be impossible to complete the usual two-division County Championship programme in full. Instead they opted to create the Bob Willis Trophy, named after the former England fast bowler and captain, who died aged 70 in December. The new competition sees the 18 first-class counties split into three regional groups.

Mbemba scores twice as Porto complete double

COIMBRA (PORTUGAL): Defender Chancel Mbemba scored twice to lead 10-man FC Porto to a 2-1 victory over Benfica in the Portuguese Cup final. Porto completed the domestic double with its 17th cup trophy after winning the league two weeks earlier. Luis D'az left Porto a man down after getting a second yellow card for a dangerous foul in the 38th minute. Porto coach Sergio Concei o was also sent off.

Hami wins British GP despite tyre trouble

LONDON: Lewis Hamilton held on to win the British Grand Prix on Sunday despite a puncture on the last lap to clinch an 87th career win and move within four of Michael Schumacher's Formula One record. The championship leader's record-extending seventh Silverstone win saw him finish six seconds ahead of Red Bull's Max Verstappen, who unexpectedly moved up a place after Hamilton's Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas sustained a puncture with three laps left. With Hamilton so far ahead, Verstappen went in for a tyre change to gain an extra point for the fastest lap but that pit stop cost him victory.

TESTING TIME

Covid positive Chawrasia in home quarantine, Europe plans derailed

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @ Chennai

GOLFER SSP Chawrasia has tested positive for Covid-19. He is in home quarantine in Kolkata. Although he said he is not feeling particularly bad, this jeopardises his plans of playing on the European Tour. He was scheduled to fly to England this week. Now, he has to wait and see if he recovers in time for the last few events of the year.

"Since I was due to leave for England, a friend suggested I got the test done, saying that I would be asked about it at the immigration counter. There were no symptoms. I took the test on Thursday and got the result a day later. I was advised home quarantine. I have secluded myself in a room and my wife has shifted to another room," Chawrasia said on Sunday.

The 42-year-old was practising in Kolkata during breaks in the lockdown and keeping himself ready for competition. Events in India and on Asian Tour are on hold at the moment. So he was looking at the European Tour, where he has an exemption until this year, for winning a title in 2017. Shubhankar Sharma is the only other Indian participating in Europe at the moment.

I have heard that the virus leaves people weaker even after they recover from this disease. So it's difficult for me to target specific tournaments for a comeback. I have to take it as it comes and think positive. There is no question of playing at the moment.
SSP Chawrasia

"Because gyms are closed, I was limiting myself to physical workouts at home. But on the game front, I was practising regularly. Now, I have no choice but to be on Vitamin B, multi-vitamin and other tablets. After the test, I have started having mild cough as well. I will take a second test on Tuesday. Otherwise, I will have to be at home for at least 14 days and take it from there. Playing anywhere is uncertain due to this," said the four-time winner on the European Tour. His wife will also undergo a test on Tuesday.

Chawrasia had played four events this year before the lockdown and done decently by finishing tied 22nd, tied 32nd, tied 25th and tied 28th. All these tournaments were played in Asia. The calendar in Europe he was looking at has four events in August — two each in England and Wales. There are three competitions apiece in September and October. Practically speaking, Chawrasia can target those to be back on course if all goes well.

"I have heard that the virus leaves people weaker even after they recover from this disease. So it's difficult for me to target specific tournaments for a comeback. I have to take it as it comes and think positive. There is no question of playing at the moment. I have to see how the recovery period goes before thinking of playing," said Chawrasia.

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Tech giant LG is planning to launch an affordable 5G device in markets like South Korea and the US in the second half of 2020. The company is looking ahead to strengthen its original design manufacturer strategy and has released a device that can be available to a larger market.

Expect lengthy pandemic: WHO

Health authorities feel effects of coronavirus outbreak will be felt for decades to come; virus killed more than 680,000 people in world

GLOBAL WARNING

JOHANNESBURG: The UN health agency warned that the coronavirus pandemic would be lengthy and could lead to "response fatigue", as the case count in South Africa topped half a million.

Six months after the World Health Organization declared a global emergency, the coronavirus has killed more than 680,000 people and infected more than 17.5 million, according to an *AFP* tally.

South Africa is by far the hardest hit country in Africa, accounting for more than half of diagnosed infections, although President Cyril Ramaphosa said the fatality rate is lower than the global average.

Health authorities had been expecting a surge in cases after the gradual loosening of a strict lockdown that was imposed at the end of March. Nigeria on Saturday also announced it would ease a lockdown in the commercial capital Lagos, allowing churches and mosques to reopen next week.

An emergency WHO committee reviewing the pandemic "highlighted the anticipated lengthy duration of this Covid-19 outbreak, noting the importance of sustained community, national, regional, and global response efforts".

"WHO continues to assess the global risk level of Covid-19 to be very high," it said in its latest statement. The agency also said: "the effects of the pandemic will be felt for decades to come". Mexico overtook Britain to become the third hardest hit country in virus deaths — after Brazil and the United States — with more than 46,600 fatal cases.

Although many Latin American countries have begun relaxing stay-at-home measures, the virus is still spreading quickly across much of the region, which has now recorded more than four million cases and almost 200,000 deaths. Half of them are in Brazil, where President Jair Bolsonaro said he believes "nearly everyone" will catch the virus eventually, after himself recovering from it. The US, the hardest-hit country in the world, has now tallied more than 4.6 million cases and 154,319 deaths.

Vaccine race

The outlook was bleak in Asia as well, where India and the Philippines reported record increases in new daily infections. "We are waging a losing battle against Covid-19, and we need to draw up a consolidated, definitive plan of action," said an open letter signed by 80 Filipino medical associations.

Japan's Okinawa declared a state of emergency after a record jump in cases on the islands — many linked to US military forces stationed there. The pandemic has spurred a race for a vaccine with several Chinese companies at the forefront, while Russia has set a target date of September to roll out its own medicine.

BULLISH STRATEGY

Spanish matador Enrique Ponce performs a pass during a bullfight at Osuna in Seville, Spain, on Saturday | AFP

Brazil's Amazon fire up by 28 % in July

EXPERTS WORRIED

BRASILIA: Fire in the Brazilian Amazon increased 28 per cent in July from a year ago, a state agency reported Saturday. The National Institute for Space Research, which is responsible for monitoring Brazil, said it recorded 6,803 fires in the Amazon rainforest last month, compared to 5,318 in the same month of 2019.

Environmentalists expressed concern at the rise because August traditionally marks the beginning of the fire season in the region. They fear Brazil could repeat the surge seen in fire last August, when 30,900 fires were recorded by the institute. The increase comes amid domestic and international concern over president Jair Bolsonaro's calls to clear land in Amazon for economic development.

Moist heat treatment of masks needed

EFFECTIVE REUSE

TORONTO: Scientists have found that moist heat treatment of N95 masks eliminates the coronavirus which causes Covid-19, an advance which could allow reuse of these scarce resources in hospitals and long-term care facilities.

According to the study, published in Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ), moist heat treatment of masks for 60 min at 70 degrees Celsius in a humid condition did not damage their structure or affect function.

"A single heat treatment rendered SARS-CoV-2 undetectable in all mask samples," the scientists, including those from the University of Toronto in Canada, wrote in the study. "This low-cost reprocessing strategy can be applied 10 times without affecting the mask's filtration, breathing resistance, fit and comfort," said study co-author Gregory Borschel.

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DAY'S DIARY

Submarine under North Pole

The USS Nautilus (SSN-571), the world's first operational nuclear-powered submarine, became the first vessel to cross the North Pole underwater on this day in 1958

US ROLE

The USS Nautilus was constructed under the direction of US Navy Captain Hyman G Rickover, a Russian-born engineer who joined the US atomic programme in 1946

BON VOYAGE

In 1952, the Nautilus' keel was laid by US President Harry S Truman. It was set into the Thames river in 1954, and in 1955 it was set on voyage

ON TOP OF THE WORLD

It dived at Point Barrow, Alaska, and travelled nearly 1,000 miles under the Arctic ice cap to reach the top of the world. It then steamed on to Iceland

Emraan Hashmi

'Filmmakers don't like to tinker with time-tested formula'

Express Features

The camaraderie between Bollywood star Emraan Hashmi and author and investigative journalist Hussain Zaidi was apparent in the latest edition of Time Pass, a series of webinars organised by The New Indian Express group. Titled The Mafia Story, the session, hosted by senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai, touched upon their collaborations, the underworld and much more.

Hussain began the conversation with appreciation for Emraan's physical fitness. The actor shared that he was spending his time predominantly on fitness to the point of almost overdoing it.

Emraan took a trip down nostalgia lane by reminiscing about Hussain pushing him to write his autobiographical book, *Kiss of Life* (2016), which was about his son's battle with cancer. Hussain said, "I realised this man had a sensitive heart and has gone through trauma. I thought I should make him tell his story, something he was reluctant about; I thought it would help many parents going through similar experiences. I was surprised by how the final chapter turned out, the one where Ayaan (Emraan's son) participates in a race. I thought it was wonderful."

Asked about the authenticity of Emraan Hashmi's iconic movie, *Once Upon Time In Mumbaai* (2010), inspired by the stories of underworld dons Haji Mastan and Dawood Ibrahim, Hussain, the author of many bestsellers on the underworld, said, "It was a heavily romanticised version of the events but I told Emraan that his portrayal of a gangster is by far the best. It is not easy for someone, who is known to be a romantic hero, to pull off this role."

Emraan remembered that many advised him against taking up the role. "But I got a sense of what Milan (Luthria) and Rajat Arora were trying to do with the film. It also changed my image, as intimacy and I were strange bedfellows till that point."

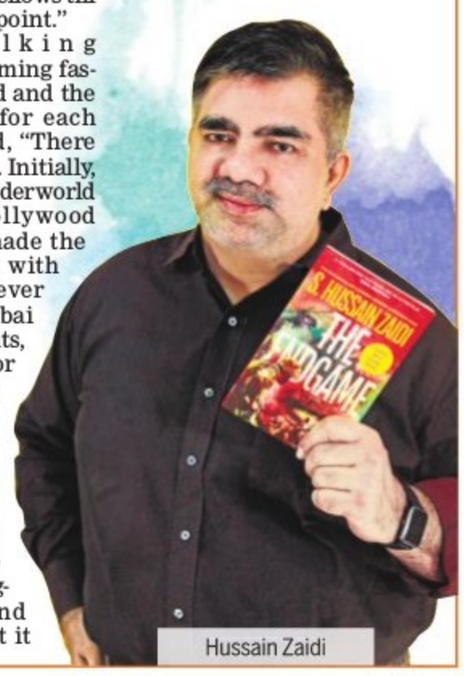
TIME PASS

Talking about the seeming fascination Bollywood and the underworld have for each other, Hussain said, "There are several reasons. Initially, Dawood and the underworld were funding Bollywood movies and that made the industry besotted with them. Also, whenever the stars went to Dubai for shows and events, they met Dawood for the parties. Over the years, they became an integral and inseparable part of each other."

The conversation touched upon the glorification of gangsters in movies and Hussain noted that it has not changed till date. "I still see gangsters being romanticised. They always give a reason for why he turns into a criminal; there is justification."

Emraan suggested that this could be the case because the filmmakers try to play to the gallery. "There is a tried-and-tested blueprint and there is safety in that. You notice a certain kind of film work and one doesn't want to tinker with it."

The actor wrapped up the conversation by talking about what has kept him going in the film industry for as long. "It was an accident that I became an actor. Just being on the sets... just doing films and acting... That keeps me going," he said.



Hussain Zaidi

DANCING TO COVID TUNES

After entrepreneur Riitesh Panndya's father was diagnosed with Covid-19, he and his friends have created a song-dance in Tamte/Tapanguchi style to spread awareness about the infection among the masses in Karnataka

Vidya Iyengar

When his 64-year-old father tested positive for coronavirus last month, **Riitesh Panndya**, an entrepreneur dealing in customised apparels, ensured one thing – not to panic. After things settled down, Panndya felt that having experienced the situation first-hand, he should reach out to people on how to handle a similar situation. But wanting to reach out to masses, he, along with his friend Sreekar KV, decided to do a song-dance in *Tamte/Tapanguchi* style to impress upon locals the importance of staying home and safe. "It's an honest attempt to create awareness about the dos and don'ts in a wacky way," he says about the video, which saw the coming together of 12 friends. Panndya runs a group called Normal is Boring, a fun Facebook group with 22,000 members who share life experiences in a humorous way.

After Sreekar wrote the lyrics, the duo connected with other friends from the social media group, asking them to sing and record their performances from homes, which were then put together and edited. "We told our friends how we wanted them to go about this, and it was pretty straightforward. For instance, with all the news about the lack of beds in hospitals, I did one sequence where I hold a bunch of notes and sing that even if you have all the money in the world, there are no beds available. While it may be done in a humorous manner, there's a serious message we are trying to put across," he says, adding that his family took a conscious decision of not getting his father admitted to hospital, instead keeping him at home to recover. "But we also were on the guard, knowing that any minute he might need to be hospitalised. Luckily, that situation never came to be," he says.

His father, who runs a wholesale garlic store in Yeswanthpur, had been working through the lockdown, and probably contracted the infection during work hours. "We swung into action soon after he displayed symptoms– fever, body ache and loss of taste. As the tests were in progress, my wife and two daughters shifted to my in-laws' place. I stayed home with dad," says Panndya, who later tested negative for the virus.

So far, the video, which is almost 90 seconds long, has received 2 lakh views. "The reason we were keen to do it in Kannada and use a local style is because we wanted to reach out to more people across Karnataka. After my father was diagnosed with Covid-19, I did the first video in English, which I realised had a different and limited reach," he says.

> **We were keen to do the song in Kannada because we wanted to reach out to more people across Karnataka** —Riitesh Panndya, entrepreneur

A touch of green

Express Features

You are a part of a documentary crew that is sent back in time to observe how Bangalore transformed from a garden city to a high-tech city; returning from a distant planet with water, humans bring home specimens of plants that are unable to survive on Earth. You are asked to help keep them alive; a neurological virus is spread by the spores of a plant that grows rapidly, causing psychosis in everyone who breathes them... These are just a few of the writing prompts being shared by Science Gallery Bengaluru as a lead up to their first ever digital pop up exhibition. Called Phytopia, the event, which will kick off on August 21 and go on till August 31, aims to bring about awareness and understanding of the plant world.

"We thought the theme was fitting because the United Nations General Assembly has declared 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health. Even though plants are all around us, we tend to overlook them sometimes – thinking of them as just planetary furniture. Maybe the digital exhibition will teach us all to appreciate them more," says the gallery's founding director, Jahnavi Phalkey, adding that the event is aimed at the 15-28 years age group. Having put out a call for entries in March this year, the team finally shortlisted 10-12 exhibits. The final list now includes submissions by people from different parts of the world like Mexico, Japan, Canada, USA and India. "If this were a physical event, we would have had many engaging activities for our visitors. But to make up for that, we are also introducing a handbook on DIY experiments that participants can download," adds Phalkey.

The lineup also incorporates a slew of film screenings, workshops and talks, including a live cook-along session, an introduction to botanical art by Nirupa Rao, a session on developing an environmentally friendly photographic darkroom practice by London Alternative Photography Collective, and talks on forces that shape Bengaluru's food culture, organised by Elizabeth Yorke and Anusha Murthy. The two are the founders of Edible Issues, which sends newsletters with curated news related to food. "I love the idea of art and science coming together. I hope people will learn to be more exploratory and curious about the city. Food is a powerful way of doing that. For example, even foraging and just knowing which plants are growing where is a great way to know more about the city," says Yorke.

A botanical illustration by Nirupa Rao

Jahnavi Phalkey

Elizabeth Yorke

Exhibits on display

- Photosynthegraph by Yoko Shimizu from Japan: An experimental installation that explores the mechanism of photosynthesis.
- Foresta Inclusive by Jane Tingley from Canada: A technologically connected in/outdoor art installation that links the ecosystem of a forest through a sculptural sensor hub, to an art installation within a gallery.
- Jungle Ghadi by Sanyukta Sharma, India: Looks at using plant materials to create images that trace seasonal change from summer to monsoon.

CONSUME
Boiled and cooled water, soup, home-made juice, etc. Include around 8-10 glasses of water in the diet
Balanced and nutritious diet consisting of fruit, vegetables, legumes, proteins, nuts and whole grains.
Foods which are rich in protein. For e.g pulses like dals, beans, legumes, etc , animal foods like eggs, poultry, fish, milk and milk products like paneer, curd, etc.
Moderate amounts of fats and oils.
Limit your daily salt intake to less than 5 g (approximately 1 teaspoon), and use iodised salt.
For snacks, choose boiled vegetables rather than foods that are high in sugar, fat or salt.
COVID CARE
FOOD HABITS TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM COVID-19
AVOID
Fried, junk, fast food and processed food which are rich in industrially produced trans fats.
Limit your intake of soft drinks or sodas and other drinks that are high in sugar (eg fruit juices, fruit juice concentrates and syrups, flavoured milks and yogurt drinks).
Smoking, chewing tobacco, alcohol and excess caffeine intake
Processed meats because they are high in fat and salt.
Do not overcook vegetables and fruit as this can lead to loss of important vitamins.
Beware of the intake portion and avoid overeating.
EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

CITY READ

Artisanal gift boxes

Celebrate the tradition of Raksha Bandhan with artisanal gift boxes from Four Seasons. These combine traditional Indian and international flavours. Chocolate lovers have ample choices in coconut and berry truffles, mango praline and choco delights in cardamom, gulkand and coffee flavours. These are on sale till August 4.

Power cut due to maintenance work

City will be facing power cut on August 4, between 10:30 am and 5:30 pm due to the maintenance work to be done by BESCOM officials. The areas affected will be Muneshwara Layout, Kodichikkanahalli, BWSSB, Bommanahalli main road, part of Devarachikkanahalli, Rotary nagar, Vakhil Marina, Kodichikkanahalli Lake City, Kodichikkanahalli main road and the surrounding areas.

KHAMMAN DHOKLA

INGREDIENTS

- **Besan:** 200 g ■ **Rava:** 1 tbsp ■ **Citric acid:** 3/4 tsp
- **Warm water:** 1 cup ■ **Sugar:** 1.25 tsp ■ **Salt:** ½ tsp
- **Ginger-chilli paste:** ½ tsp ■ **Soda:** 3/4 tsp
- **Coriander:** 3/4 tsp ■ **Oil:** 1 tbsp ■ **Green chillies:** 2
- **Mustard seeds:** ½ tsp ■ **Sesame seeds:** 1/2 tsp
- **Curry leaves:** 8 to 10

METHOD

- Take half cup of warm water in a glass and add citric acid, salt and sugar to it.
- Add citric acid to besan-rava mix.
- Add ginger-chilli paste, soda and sprinkle some water. Mix well.
- Add water to adjust the consistency. Mix till the batter swells. Pour the batter into moulds/plate/idli plate.
- Steam for 10 minutes. Cool slightly.
- Heat oil in a kadai. Add mustard and seasame seeds. When they splutter, add the green chillies and curry leaves.
- Add 1/4 cup water and when it boils, pour it over the dhoklas.
- Garnish with coriander. Serve with green chutney or tomato ketchup.

—Pramila Goswami, Hyderabad

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

NATURE TALK

COREMATA

- A hairy brush-like organ sported by courting males of moths and butterflies.
- It is fanned out, waved about and flown around with, to spread pheromones and woo females with chemical speech.

— by M Yuvan

BRIGHT SPOT

A FULL CIRCLE OF KINDNESS

Shetara Sims found a $1 bill in a grocery store parking lot. So she walked back into the store, bought a lottery ticket, and won $100. Her 12-year-old daughter Rakiya urged her to donate all of her winnings to the family of a local Kansas City police officer wounded in the line of duty. This was personal because when Shetara's elder daughter was killed in 2012, Kansas City police officers supported her family as much as possible. Shetara made the donation anonymously. But she did share that she had been dealing with several hardships of her own, recently losing her job due to the pandemic. The police tried to convince her to reconsider, but Shetara was insistent. Touched by her kindness, the police precincts in the city were abuzz with officers trying to trace her and express their gratitude. After locating her, the Police Department decided to set up a GoFundMe page to help her. They called it, 'Helping the Woman With a Heart of Gold'. Strangers and officers have donated more than $145,000.

APPSMART

Mindfulness with Petit BamBou

Users love Petit BamBou for its combination of humour and wisdom, and the sessions blending cartoons and guided audio.
Available on: Android & iOS

Listle

An app for those who want to enjoy content with more ease. Listen to audio versions of articles, narrated by real people.
Available on: Android

Alarmy

It turns your Android phone into a motivational alarm clock that helps you get out of bed first and makes you get all your 'to dos' done successfully in the morning.
Available on: Android & iOS

FIT BIT

KUMBHAKASANA

(PLANK POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'kumbhaka' means 'inhaling, retaining and exhaling' (breath retention), and 'asana' means 'pose'. This is a strengthening and balancing pose. It is also a transitional pose in the Vinyasa and Ashtanga yoga sun salutations. It promotes inner strength and balance. It opens the Ajna (third eye) chakra promoting clarity, self-realisation and wisdom. It activates Manipura (solar plexus) chakra, the power centre of the body.

STEPS

- Kneel down and keep your hands on on your thighs.
- Now bend forward and place your hands on the floor. Then, raise your buttocks up to assume the cat position with knees on the floor.
- Slide both feet backwards and raise the knees above the ground, balancing the weight of your body on your palms and toes.
- Inhale and hold the breath as you hold the position.
- You may also choose to breathe slowly and lightly in the final position.
- Hold the position for as long as you are comfortable. The more you stay in this position, the more you will develop strength and stamina.
- Your head, trunk, back and legs should all be in one line in the final pose. Keep your hands and legs straight. Don't bend your elbows or knees.
- To release the pose, bend your knees and bring them to the floor. Come back to Step 1.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens abdomen, neck, arms, thighs and shoulder muscles.
- Improves the health of abdominal organs.
- Helps control blood sugar in a diabetic patient.
- Improves digestion and blood circulation.
- Tones the belly and aids in reducing obesity.
- Keeps the mind peaceful.

LIMITATIONS

- Individuals who are building strength or have sensitive wrists may practise this asana with modification.
- Those suffering from carpal tunnel syndrome, low or high blood pressure should avoid this.
- If you have dislocated or injured your shoulder, don't practise this.
- Those with weak eye capillaries, diarrhoea, and detached retina must avoid.
- Pregnant women should not practise.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

CHRIS GETHARD'S BEAUTIFUL ANONYMOUS

Comedian Chris Gethard invites anonymous callers to tell him stories. From confessions and family secrets to philosophical discussions, it could be anything.

- On Apple Podcast

WHERE SHOULD WE BEGIN?

Listen to therapist Esther Perel counsel couples as they reveal the most intimate, personal, and complicated details of the conflicts that have brought them to her door.

- On Stitcher

SNAP JUDGEMENT PRESENTS: SPOOKED

Spooked features true-life supernatural stories, told firsthand by people who can barely believe it happened themselves. Gear up for some spine-tingling moments.

- On Apple Podcast

THE ALARMIST

Who is to blame for the greatest tragedies? The Plague. The sinking of the Titanic. The break-up of the Beatles. Writer and comedian Rebecca Delgado-Smith and guests scrutinise history's greatest disasters to figure out what went wrong, and who's to blame.

- On Google Podcast

MOTHERHOOD SESSIONS

On Motherhood Sessions, Dr Alexandra Sacks, a renowned reproductive psychiatrist sits down with mothers and lets us listen in on conversations that are hard to have outside of a therapist's office.

- On Stitcher

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

PARIJATHA

Bhaskar, a lazy youngster, in order to begin his career and marry his love Chandrika, decides to start coaching students. Even after finding success, Chandrika's father does not accept their match.

- Cast: Diganth, Aindrita Ray

MILANA

A girl marries a man because of family pressure and asks for a divorce on their first night. He readily agrees and reunites her with her lost lover but later gathers that he is a fraud. Even she learns the truth but still sign the divorce papers.

- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Parvathy Thiruvothu

GANDEDHE

Krishna is a poor college boy who falls in love with Nandini. The problem is that she is the daughter of a rich landlord, Shankare Gowda and he does not approve of the match. Krishna sets out to prove his worth.

- Cast: Chiranjeevi Sarja, Ragini Dwivedi

KIZHAKKU CHEEMAIYILE

A brother shares a close bond with his sister and is ecstatic to see her get married. However, problems arise when his brother-in-law disapproves of the sibling relationship.

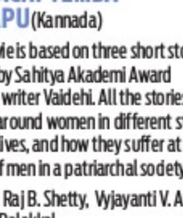
- Cast: Vijaykumar, Raadhika Sarathkumar, Napoleon, Pandiyan

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 DISTORTING MADONNA IN MEDIEVAL ART BY JAMES EARLE

As Christianity gained traction, Romans instead began to focus on the metaphysical beauty of virtue, and art began to follow suit. James Earle discusses how Medieval paintings of Madonna were affected by this shift.



2 THE TRUE STORY OF 'TRUE' BY GINA COOKE

With roots in Old English, 'true' shares etymological ancestors with words like betroth and truce...but also with the word tree. In fact, trees have been metaphors for steadfastness and faithfulness. Gina Cooke describes the poetic relationship between 'tree' and 'true.'

3 WHAT "MACHIAVELLIAN" REALLY MEANS BY PAZIT CAHLON AND ALEX GENDLER

For centuries, we've had a single word to describe the unscrupulous schemer: Machiavellian. But is it possible that we've been using that word wrong this whole time? Pazit Cahlon and Alex Gendler investigate the origins of the term.

4 A MEMORY SCIENTIST'S ADVICE ON REPORTING HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION BY JULIA SHAW

Julia Shaw is combining tools from memory science and artificial intelligence to change how we report workplace harassment and bias. She shares three lessons to apply if you've been harassed or discriminated against — and introduces Spot: a free, anonymous, online reporting tool that helps empower victims.

5 THE SECRET WEAPON AGAINST PANDEMICS BY GEORGES C. BENJAMIN

Physician Georges C Benjamin details what's needed to lead us out of the pandemic and prevent future ones — including a robust governmental health entity equipped with updated technology and well-trained staff — and explains how citizens, businesses and political leaders can do their part to put public health first.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

U TURN (Kannada)

Radhana, an intern at a leading newspaper, investigates accidents occurring on a flyover with the help of a crime reporter. However, she gets accused of murdering a frequent motorist on the flyover.

- Cast: Shraddha Srinath, Roger Narayan, Radhika Chetan
- Watch On: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

CIA (Malayalam)

Aji, a follower of Communism, travels to USA illegally to stop the wedding of his girlfriend Sarah. He, along with other people, gets caught by the American police while crossing the border.

- Cast: Dulquer Salmaan, Karthika Muraleedharan, Soubin Shahir
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

LOOTCASE (Hindi)

Nandan Kumar comes across a suitcase and discovers it is full of cash. He knows nothing about who it belongs to, where it's from, or how it got there. Nandan has to decide whether to take it or leave it.

- Cast: Kunal Khemu, Rasika Duggal, Ranvir Shorey, Gajraj Rao
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

BROCHEVAREVARURA (Telugu)

Three students, who fail their exams and waste their time, befriend Mitra in their college. They devise a plan to help her but it leads to various problems.

- Cast: Sree Vishnu, Nivetha Thomas, Nivetha Pethuraj, Rahul Ramakrishna
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

SHAKUNTALA DEVI (Hindi)

The film follows the life of Shakuntala Devi, a well-known mathematical genius and prodigy from India. She was nicknamed 'Human Computer' because of her extraordinary talent and skill in solving complex mathematical problems without any mechanical aid.

- Cast: Vidya Balan, Sanya Malhotra, Jisshu Sengupta, Amit Gupta
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

AMMACHI YEMBA NENAPU (Kannada)

The movie is based on three short stories written by Sahitya Akademi Award winning writer Vaidehi. All the stories revolve around women in different stages of their lives, and how they suffer at the hands of men in a patriarchal society.

- Cast: Raj B. Shetty, Vyjayanti V. Adiga, Diya Palakkal
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

FIREBRAND (Marathi)

A successful lawyer represents female clients in complicated divorce cases, but her wounds after a sexual assault cause problems in her own marriage.

- Cast: Usha Jadhav, Rajeshwari Sachdev, Girish Kulkarni, Sachin Khedekar
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

BIRDS OF PREY (English)

It's open season on Harley Quinn when her explosive break-up with the Joker puts a big fat target on her back. Unprotected and on the run, Quinn faces the wrath of narcissistic crime boss Black Mask, his right-hand man, Victor Zsasz, and every other thug in the city. But things soon even out for Harley when she becomes unexpected allies with three deadly women — Huntress, Black Canary and Renee Montoya.

- Cast: Margot Robbie, Jurnee Smollett-Bell, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ewan McGregor
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

THE WAY BACK (English)

Jack Cunningham was a high school basketball superstar who suddenly walked away from the game for unknown reasons. Years later, he's now stuck in a meaningless job and struggling with alcoholism — the very thing that ruined his marriage and his hope for a better life. But Jack soon gets a shot at redemption when he becomes the basketball coach for his alma mater, a programme that has fallen on hard times since his teenage glory days.

- Cast: Ben Affleck, Janina Gavankar, Al Madrigal, Michaela Watkins
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

A SEPARATION (Persian)

Nader and Simin, a married couple, live in Iran with their daughter Termeh. Simin wants to move out of the country, but Nader is reluctant to do so as he wants to take care of his ailing father.

- Cast: Payman Maadi, Leila Hatami, Sareh Bayat, Sarina Farhadi
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

THE IMITATION GAME (English)

Alan Turing, a British mathematician, joins the cryptography team to decipher the German enigma code. With the help of his fellow mathematicians, he builds a machine to crack the codes.

- Cast: Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley, Matthew Goode, Allen Leech
- Watch on: Netflix ● Registration: ₹ 199 per month

Cash & curry

Ankit Vengurlekar opened his kitchen to his househelp to launch her catering service

• Monika Monalisa

Ankit Vengurlekar's phone has been buzzing nonstop these days, with callers enquiring about his food delivery service. However, it's not Vengurlekar's project. The venture belongs to his househelp, who he calls Saroj didi, although he played an important role in kick-starting it. In a bid to help Saroj deal with the financial crunch she was facing during this pandemic, Vengurlekar suggested she start a catering service right from his kitchen. Just days after it was launched, the initiative became so popular and the little journey touched so many hearts that it got featured in Twitter Moments India, and has also been shared by celebrity chef Vikas Khanna.

Saroj started facing monetary troubles during the lockdown, and was willing to take up more jobs to earn some extra salary. However, things didn't look up because many apartments banned entry of maids due to Covid-19 safety measures. "Many people didn't pay her salary because she could not come to work, while many others did not want to hire a new help during this pandemic," says Vengurlekar, adding that things began getting tougher for Saroj with the mounting debts.

The idea of starting the business struck Vengurlekar since Saroj used to recall the days when she and her husband ran a food stall around 17 years ago. "I know that her food tastes fantastic, and so I thought of giving it a shot, and seeing how it goes. The first dish she prepared was crab curry, and put it up on Instagram. We got five orders on the first day, which was July 24," says Vengurlekar. The story reached so many people in a single day that he had 15 pre-orders for the next day. One of the primary reasons for the success of this food service, Vengurlekar says, was people's trust that the food is being made with all precautions in place.

As the number of orders started increasing, it got difficult for the 37-year-old public relations professional, who lives alone in HSR Layout, to manage things. "I also have a day job at Xiaomi. And on the days of food delivery, I had to take enquiries. That's when a friend suggested I get in touch with Conosh, a food experience curating website, who are now taking orders for her. They have let go of the profit in this partnership," he says.

Now Saroj, 48, is planning to expand her business and is looking for a new place to set up a kitchen. "My kitchen is equipped for a single person. We have started getting requests from people to offer something more than crab and fish. So we have created a new menu, with Reddy's Chicken Curry, Gajar Ka Halwa, etc. We will need a bigger kitchen for that," says Vengurlekar.

"I know that Saroj didi's food tastes fantastic, and so I thought of giving it a shot, and seeing how it goes. The first dish she prepared was crab curry — **Ankit Vengurlekar,** PR professional, Xiaomi

Cuteness overload

Disha Madan recently celebrated the first birthday of her son, Vian. The influencer's Instagram story is full of cute photographs showing how the big day was spent. She also shared some pictures of the birthday decor, which was complete with balloons and fluffy toys. The *French Biriyani* actor had been planning her son's birthday theme for the last few weeks and even gave a glimpse of the preparations via her Instagram stories. Even though it was a lockdown birthday, mommie Madan made sure it was a special one.

Smooth Talk: Filling more than potholes

PotHoleRaja is now employing workers, instead of inviting volunteers, to fix potholes in the city

"We would usually ask volunteers to assist us with the pothole work, but now, we are starting to employ these workers so that they may earn a day's wage at least

—**Sourabh Kumar,** co-founder, PotHoleRaja

• Express Features

Sourabh Kumar has been getting potholes fixed in the city for three years now. While every day spent at this job is gratifying, the past Sunday held extra importance for the 28-year-old, who is the co-founder of PotHoleRaja. The Bengaluru-based non-profit organisation, which aims at ridding the country of potholes, has launched a new initiative to help blue collar workers who have lost a job, tide through these tough times. After distributing over 1 crore meals – where PotHoleRaja was a part of a Covid Relief Bangalore initiative – to the needy, the team realised that there is a greater need to provide these individuals with a source of income. "We would usually ask volunteers to assist us with the pothole work, but now, we are starting to employ these workers so that they may earn a day's wage at least," says Kumar, who co-founded the organisation.

On Sunday, he took with him a team of three workers to fix potholes in Lalbagh and HBR Layout. Kumar says a day's work could earn a labourer between ₹400 and ₹500, with meals taken care of by the organisation. "So we don't just fix 40-50 potholes a day, we also help these workers earn money to sustain themselves in the current scenario," he says. "Infrastructure is one of the biggest employers for them so we wanted to help them in some way. By fixing potholes, they also get to add an extra skill to their arsenal."

Once a pothole is reported by a citizen, funds are raised to get it fixed. Thanks to a network created while distributing meals during the lockdown, Kumar is able to identify who to approach for the task. "So the money raised goes towards fixing the road and earnings for these workers," he says.

The efforts to help, however, don't stop here. In the long run, Kumar is also looking at launching a platform on PotHoleRaja's website, to connect the workers with potential employers. "The biggest challenge for them is a lack of resume or ability to find out about openings," he says, explaining that the platform will bridge the gap between employers and employees by curating the area of expertise and contact details of the jobseekers. "If someone is looking for labourers for a construction business, the platform can show him who to connect with," says Kumar.

Changing tracks

• Vidya Iyengar

There's much talk about performers and artistes being severely hit by the pandemic, but event organisers and DJs who were once the life of a party, rue that their struggle isn't any less. Having been out of work since March with uncertainty looming about their next gig, DJs in Bengaluru are unable to keep afloat. "I've been getting several calls and texts from fellow DJs who tell me that they don't have food to eat. Some of them have been managing on a packet of biscuits for an entire day," says **Ivan** who used to do at least three shows a week.

While doing an Instagram chat a month ago, Ivan happened to mention these struggles – especially financially – which, so far, have gone unnoticed. And a week later, much to his surprise, he got a call from a group who were keen to support DJs in particular, with ration and essentials. "But there was a worry that identities would be revealed, so we've assured the DJs of confidentiality. Post that assurance, we've received several more requests. In the last two week, 50 of them have approached us," explains Ivan.

Now, kits comprising 25 kg of rice, daal, oil, salt, spices, coffee, tea, onions and potatoes are being distributed to DJs who only have to show an identity proof. According to Gautam Rajpal, co-founder of Boombox.in (an event management company), requests have been coming from across the country, however, owing to logistics, the initiative is restricted to Bengaluru right now. "We are open to helping them if need be for a second time. In these difficult moments, it's sad that many DJs who have entertained us for years feel forgotten and are upset," says Rajpal whose company has tied up with AVR Foundation for this initiative.

While Ivan is channeling his energies into upgrading his skill – upping production, social media reach, strategising – which he suggests other DJs do too, he points out that DJs are forced to dip into their savings to sustain themselves. "I'm just hoping that we are able to weather out these times despite no shows and no income for about five months now. It is a really hard time, but it's also important to stay composed and continue connecting with audience in different ways," he says.

CITY READ

Tech company opens a new robotics facility

The new facility of ABB India at Nelamangala factory premises will soon start delivering robotic applications and digital solutions to various Indian industries, including automotive, food & beverage, and other upcoming sectors. Sanjeev Sharma, managing director, ABB India says, "Even with increased demand for automation, the penetration of robotics, especially in small and medium enterprises, is still low in India. With the help of the new and improved robotics facility, we will be able to share our knowledge and encourage Indian manufacturers to embrace our technologies."

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ARE YOU GAME?
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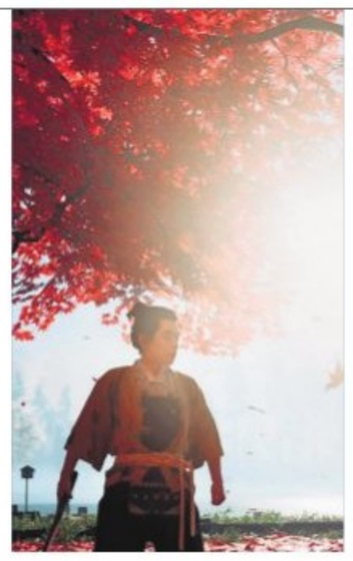
GHOST OF TSUSHIMA A JIN SAKAI PERSPECTIVE

Ohayou gozaimasu,

Today, the Lady with the Controller (henceforth, LwtC) took my faithful steed – Kage – and me on a pilgrimage. I had to climb up several rocks, and fall a couple of times (her incompetence, not mine). She made me follow birds, and jump off cliffs "by accident". As it transpired, the foxes I ran after and the bamboo shoots I was forced to slash were not purely part of my penance. I found charms during these shrine visits that increased my ability to deal with the ruthless invaders and my resolve which helps me magically heal in battle.

Maybe LwtC is unaware of the urgency of the situation to reclaim Tsushima – Uncle Shimura, my friends – Lady Masako, Yuna, Ishikawa sensei, they are all waiting for my calls. But we deviated from my targeted path. A lot. She made me pose in a variety of facial expressions and battle stances. She changed the weather and sunlight colour. Perhaps LwtC is also unfamiliar with beauty that nature offers (I don't know where she's from). She kept exclaiming over how amazing it is that I follow the wind and use it as my "jeepyes" instead of following a mini-map. She also kept saying that it was really "aesthetic" when the sunlight peered through the trees and reflected on the flowers and blades of grass. That's basically the whole of Tsushima. Does that make my island aesthetic? Is that a good thing?



Although hesitant about the concept of stand-offs (which are one-slash timed hits where I stand to gain a lot), she mastered them and built my strength to fight off more of the Mongols. While she concentrated a lot on combat, and "virtual photographs for the 'gram' " – she was extremely short-sighted of other things. For instance, she did not know for the longest time that my musical talents could change the weather. She has to realise that my true skill-set and the variety of Tsushima can be experienced only when she follows my targeted path, instead of smelling the flowers and appreciating sunlight.

But I cannot be completely critical of LwtC's actions. She understands my apprehension towards taking what lesser soldiers call the "stealth" route. Samurai prefer to face their enemies head on. Perhaps she is just getting impatient with all the creeping around, but she starts to be supportive of my true honour, even if that means repeated battle failures. I would grant her all seven out of seven bamboo shoots, gift her a straw hat if she ever visits Tsushima. Perhaps she might not visit – she might just be the real "Ghost of Tsushima" overlooking our progress. Will keep you updated, journal. My uncle is anxious for battle and Khotun Khan awaits.

Sayonara, Sakai Jin

KGF Chapter 2 shooting to resume from August 15 onwards

The Yash-starrer period action drama directed by Prashanth Neel is ready for filming again; production house Hombale Films is putting strict measures in place on the sets during the 25-day shooting schedule for the pan-India movie

A Sharadhaa

With lockdown restrictions easing out across India, and the Kannada film industry seems to be slowly getting back to its feet. Makers of projects, which were in the last leg of shoot, are raring to get back and finish their films. And the good news on that front is that Rocky Bhai and team will soon be getting back to the *KGF Chapter 2* sets.

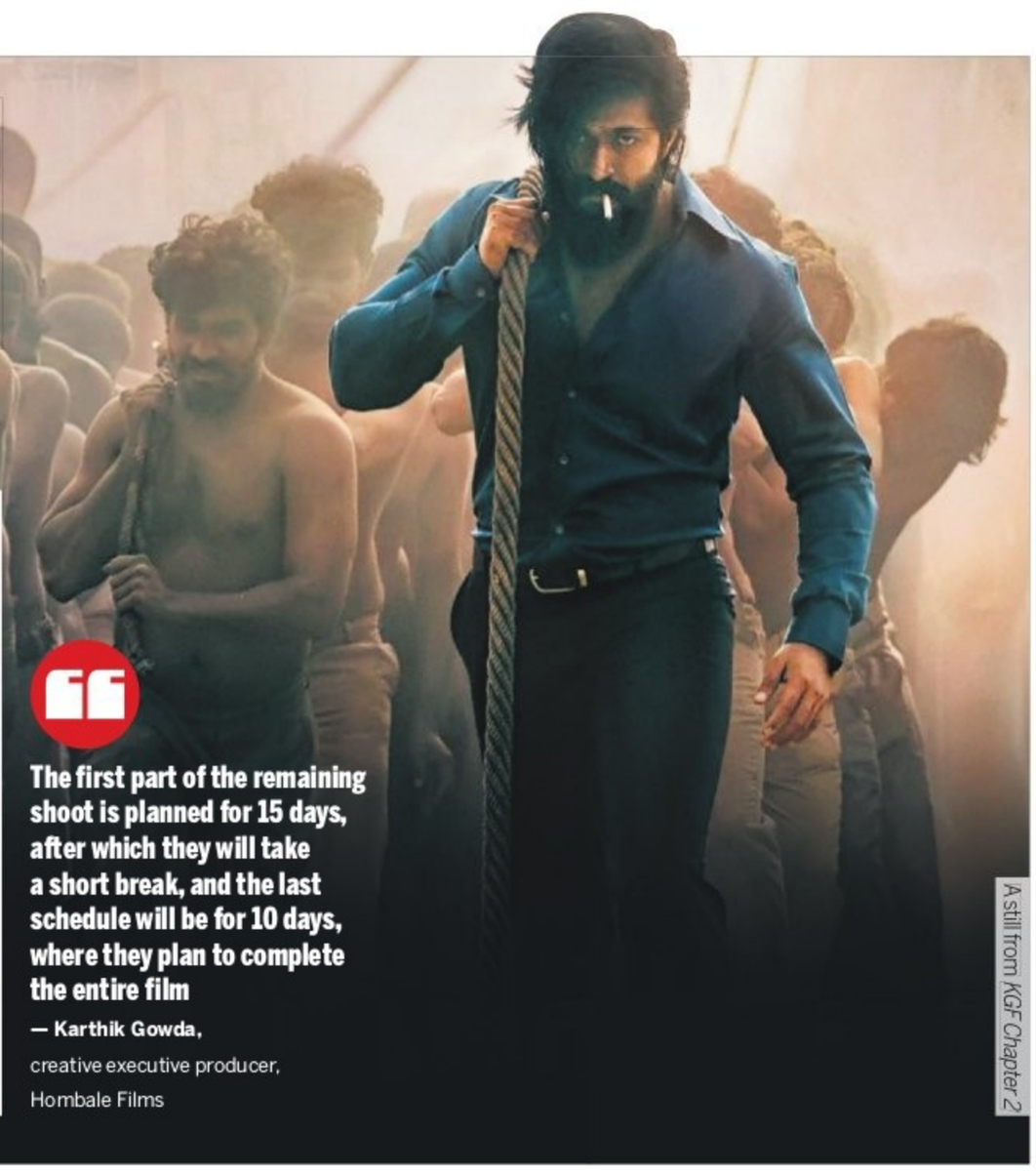
The Yash-starrer directed by Prashanth Neel, which was left with 25 days of shoot will be resuming filming around the second or third week of August. The team, which has completed 90 percent of shoots are left with major fight sequences and a few scenes, and accordingly, the makers are coming up with a huge set at Minerva Mills, where the first part of the remaining schedule will take place.

A confirmation on this comes from Karthik Gowda, executive producer of *KGF Chapter 2*, bankrolled by Hombale films. He added that the preparation work is on and the team is chalking out plans to restart shoot. KGF made with a huge budget, coming with an ensemble cast, the production house is ensuring preventive measures during the time of the shooting.

"We will be instituting strict guidelines on the sets, and we will have all the technicians temporarily camped at a nearby hotel, and will not be allowed to venture out until the schedule gets completed," says Karthik. The first part of the remaining shoot is planned for 15 days, after which they will take a short break, and the last schedule will be for 10 days, where they plan to complete the entire film.

KGF Chapter 1, which was made in Kannada and dubbed and released in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Hindi, received a lot of appreciation from audiences across India. There is a lot of expectations that have been riding on the sequel to this pan-Indian film. *KGF Chapter 2* recently created a buzz when the team revealed the first look of Sanjay Dutt, who plays the role of the antagonist, Adheera. Apart from Sanjay Dutt, *KGF Chapter 2* also has Bollywood actor Raveena Tandon playing a pivotal role in this film that has Srinidhi Shetty playing the female lead

KGF Chapter 2 produced by Vijay Kiragandur will be one of the first big-budget films to resume shoot in Karnataka post the lockdown. Although Hombale Films had announced October 23 as the prospective release date, it is now unsure if the film would make the cut owing to the global pandemic. However, no official announcement has been made from the production house in this regard.



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— Karthik Gowda, creative executive producer, Hombale Films

A still from *KGF Chapter 2*

A still from the film

Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl trailer out

CE Features

The trailer for *Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl* is out. Directed by Sharan Sharma, the biopic stars Janhvi Kapoor as the real-life aviator who became one of India's first female combat pilots to enter a war zone.

The trailer charts Gunjan's journey from an aspiring pilot to facing institutional rejection at military school. Her father, played by Pankaj Tripathi, is supportive of her dreams, telling her to seal her fortune with hard work. Angad Bedi plays Gunjan's elder brother, a fellow soldier who later joins her in the 1999 Kargil War. The cast also features Manav Vij and Viineet Kumar.

Gunjan Saxena is produced by Dharma Productions. The war-drama was filmed in Lucknow and Georgia. Having skipped its theatrical release, the film will arrive on Netflix on August 12 amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Janhvi Kapoor had made her Bollywood debut in *Dhadak* (2018), followed by an appearance in Zoya Akhtar's segment in *Ghost Stories*. Her upcoming releases are *Roohi Afzana* and *Dostana 2*. She will also be seen in the coming-of-age drama *Bombay Girl*.

THARUN KISHORE SUDHIR BEGINS SCRIPTING FOR HIS FIRST HISTORICAL SUBJECT STARRING DARSHAN

The director, who will be collaborating with the actor and producer after *Roberrt*, says his constant effort has been to portray the Challenging Star in different shades, and this will be his focus in his next project too

This will be my first historical subject, and I am glad to be collaborating with Darshan, and also producer Umapathy

— Tharun Kishore Sudhir, director

Darshan

A Sharadhaa

Sandalwood has been abuzz with talks of Challenging Star Darshan, director Tharun Kishore Sudhir, and producer Umapathy S teaming up for a historical flick. In a tweet, the director confirmed the project on Saturday. "With blessings of Varamahalakshmi, started script work of my next project with #DBoss for @Umapathyfilms, May all ur wishes and blessings shower as always (sic)," director Tharun Kishore Sudhir said on his Twitter handle, informing his fans that he has begun the scriptwriting on the auspicious day.

The trio is coming together after *Roberrt*, which is yet to be released, and is said to be the actor's 57th project. Popular as a commercial hero, Darshan has carried a penchant for playing historical characters. The actor has played the role of *Sangolli Rayanna*, and will be seen as Madakari Nayaka in Rajendra Singh Babu's directorial, made under Rockline Venkatesh's production. According to the grapevine, the actor will be portraying the revolutionary freedom fighter, Sindhura Lakshmana, in Tharun Sudhir's directorial.

This will be the first historical subject being attempted by *Chowka* and *Roberrt* director. The character of *Sindhura Lakshmana* is closely related to Tharun, since his father, well-known actor and theatre artiste, Sudhir, played Lakshmana 10-15,000 times in the historical play which was staged for almost 20 years. For the people of Uttara Karnataka, Sudhir still remains popular as Lakshmana. Tharun, who has soaked in intricate details of his personality, is now giving it a cinematic presence with Darshan in the lead role.

Tharun says it is a pleasure for him to get associated with Darshan again, and it is his first attempt at making a historical film. "Whether it is with his looks or his role, my constant effort has been to portray Darshan in different shades, and bring out a unique element that enhances his character, which is something the audience has never seen before. That was what was brought about in his pivotal role in *Chowka*. It will be seen in *Roberrt,* and also in my next project with him," says Tharun, adding. "This will be my first historical subject, and I am glad to be collaborating with Darshan, and also producer Umapathy."

The director also mentions that while he will be focusing on this historical project, he will also be working as a creative head for other projects coming his way.

Meanwhile, he is looking forward to the release of *Roberrt*. The commercial entertainer was initially slated to have a summer release, but it was pushed further due to the pandemic. The team is waiting for the situation to get normal, before chalking out a plan to take it to theatres.

Loot and shoot: Rajesh Krishnan on his Bollywood debut

The debutant director on crossing over from ads, working with Kunal Keemu and Gajraj Rao and the press-con snub by Disney+ Hotstar

Shilajit Mitra

In Lootcase, Kunal Keemu plays Nandan, a printing press employee who's hard-pressed for cash. His wife, Lata (Rasika Dugal), is always nagging him to climb up in life. One night, Nandan comes across a suitcase full of money, whereupon he's chased by several parties looking to retrieve the stash.

Director Rajesh Krishnan cites a grim inspiration behind the comic premise. "On Youtube, there's a 5-minute video about what happened to the top ten people who won the biggest Lottos in America. Not a single guy survived. Some uncle or friend or partner duped them. The only guy who survived was actually quite rich and donated all the money he won," the filmmaker says.

Lootcase is Rajesh's first feature as a director. He had shot several top commercials in the past and helmed a season of the TVF series *Tripling* (2016-2019). Still, the challenge of a feature film was new. "In advertising, a single shot doesn't last beyond three seconds. It's all about compression. Whereas in a film you are trying to sustain a graph over a long stretch of time, so that needs a wider skillset," Rajesh says, naming Mel Brooks, Jacques Tati and the Coen Brothers as his inspirations.

In the film, Gajraj Rao plays a crooked politician who owns the bag of cash. He sets a cop (Ranvir Shorey) to find it at all costs. Their efforts are interrupted by Vijay Raaz, as the leader of a rival gang in on the chase. "I've been extremely lucky to have these talents on board," Rajesh shares. "Gajraj is someone you can just look at and be entertained. He's divinely gifted as an actor."

Completed last year, *Lootcase's* theatrical release was cancelled twice. It was later announced that the film will release, along with six others, on the streaming platform Disney+ Hotstar. In a tweet, Kunal had expressed his disappointment at not being invited to a virtual press meet for the film. Actor Vidyut Jammwal, whose film *Khuda Hafiz* is releasing on the same platform, had also lashed out against the snub.

"Kunal is a selfless guy," Rajesh says. "An actor puts everything into a project so if he felt upset, it's quite understandable. Having said that, I am completely convinced that the film is as important to Fox Star Studios as it is to us. They have supported us from the start and given us all the freedom. I feel what happened was an oversight and has been a little blown out of proportion."

A still from *Lootcase*